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Home at last! Anatoly Scharansky is free to daven at the Western Wall in Jerusalem following his release, via Germany, from the Soviet Union. [Canapress photo]

More than 400 days in solitary

Scharansky describes ordeal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Anatoly Scharansky, who changed his given name to Natan when he arrived in Israel last week told of the brutal punishment he endured during his nine years in the Soviet Gulags and spoke of his plans for the future, in his first television interview here.

He said he expected his mother, Ida Milgrom, and his brother Leonid, to join him in Israel "within a month. I am hoping for this. This was part of the deal" for the East-West prisoner exchange, of which he was a part, Scharansky said.

The 38-year-old, slightly built, balding mathematician, computer expert and cybernetics scientist, proved deft in his response to questions on matters that are fiercely controversial in Israel. Asked if he was a "religious man," a matter that has intrigued Israelis because his wife, Avital, became Orthodox after immigrating to Israel in 1974, the aliya activist gave no direct reply.

But in the course of the interview, he recalled that he was punished by 130 days in solitary confinement in his Soviet prison because he had gone on a hunger strike to protest the confiscation of a book of psalms.

Asked his opinion as to whether Israel should retain all of the Arab lands it conquered in the 1967 war or trade land for peace, Scharansky said he reserved judgment because he still had much to learn about the subject, to which the TV anchorman interjected, "Don't worry, you will."

Scharansky said he hoped to resume his profession in Israel — he was a computer and cybernetics technologist at the Moscow Research Institute before his dismisal in 1975 for applying for an exit visa — but he was concerned that his knowledge is outdated, considering the rapid advances in those fields during his nine years' incarceration.

"I think I will have problems, but these aren't very difficult problems. . . . But it is too early to make concrete plans," Scharansky said.

Asked if he planned to enter politics in Israel, he applied, "I certainly won't be a professional politician. But I think I have a duty to use my unique experience in order to help other people who . . . are still in Russia. We — Avital and I — must consider how to use our experience. Hers is even more unique than mine," he said.

With respect to the ongoing controversy in Israel and world Jewry over tactics in the struggle for Soviet Jews, activism versus quiet diplomacy, Scharansky said in effect that he favored a 2-track approach.

In the early 1970s he recalled, he and other Moscow activists opposed the quiet diplomacy approach of President Nixon and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. "But on the other hand, pressure without diplomacy is also ineffective," he said.

On the subject of his health, Scharansky said: "I had some very bad periods . . . problems with my heart and my eyes. This was the result of their holding me in solitary confinement for more than 400 days in all. . . . Today, I told a doctor here about conditions in solitary and he was frankly stunned and asked how it was possible to survive such conditions."

Scharansky noted that under Soviet penal law, 15 days was the longest time allowed to keep a prisoner in solitary confinement. But his wardens ignored the

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Jewish Agency treasurer hints at large aliya

NEW YORK (JTA) — Akiva Lewinsky, treasurer of the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization, said last week that the Jewish Agency should be "prepared" for the possibility of large numbers of immigrants from distressed Jewish communities around the world.

Speaking at a press conference at Jewish Agency headquarters here, Lewinsky declined to specify from which countries such aliya might come. But he hinted at the Soviet Union, when, he said, "Jews are behind all kinds of curtains and these curtains might be lifted. Relationships between countries are changing. The situation is not frozen."

Asked if Israel and the Jewish Agency are prepared to absorb, say, 50,000 Russian Jews, he said that such immigration would contribute to Israel's economy and that world Jewry would no doubt come forward to assist in the absorption in the event of such large-scale immigration.

Asked about immigration from Ethiopia to complement the 10,000

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CIC slams proposal for weapons plant

OTTAWA — A proposal by Thyssen, a major West German arms manufacturer, to build an arms plant on Cape Breton Island to export tanks and armored vehicles to Arab states is strongly opposed by the Canada-Israel Committee.

Defence Minister Erik Nielsen told the House of Commons last week that the proposal is under consideration by the cabinet and, he added, it is one of many proposals before the government to establish businesses in Cape Breton.

Neilsen gave no details of the Thyssen proposal but according to a report in the Toronto Globe and Mail Thyssen wants to sell military hardware to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Pakistan, Bahrain, Algeria and the United Arab Emirates. It said Thyssen wants to build the plant in Canada because West German law forbids the issuing of export permits for military equipment to "regions of tension," including Israel and several Arab states.

Canada has a similar policy and does not grant export licenses for arms to Jordan, Syria, Libya, Iran, Iraq and Israel. But the policy does not preclude sales to other Middle East nations, such as Saudi Arabia.

According to the Globe report, External Affairs Minister Joe Clark is opposed to the project while Industry Minister Sinclair Stevens and ministers from the Maritimers favor it.

The CIC says in a statement that "the sale of Canadian-made arms to Saudi Arabia would escalate the Middle East arms race and would be detrimental to Israel's security. The flow of weapons from Canada would alter Canada's traditional position."

The CIC statement, issued by the national chairman, Sidney Spivak, points out that Arab states remain officially at war with Israel, with the exception of Egypt. "Saudi arms have been used in all Arab wars against Israel. Saudi Arabia has provided financial support and encouragement to terrorist organizations," says Spivak.

The CIC adds that "Canada should not be used as a haven for companies seeking to circumvent their own governments' limitations on the sale of arms to areas of tension. Canada's historic policy of encouraging reconciliation in the region must be upheld."

Terrorists kill third hostage

PARIS (JTA) — The body of a Jewish hostage shot and badly beaten before his death was found Sunday morning in west Beirut. Ibrahim Benesti, 54, is the third Jewish hostage to be murdered in two months by a Shiite fundamentalist group.

The gang, "The Organization of the Oppressed of the Earth," said they have kidnapped two more Jewish hostages. They are believed to be holding five other Jews.

Benesti's body was found dumped near a vegetable market in the Kaskas area which borders the green line, separating the Christian east from the predominantly Moslem west Beirut. He had been shot once in the back of the head but medical examiners say he had been badly tortured and beaten before his "execution." His chest and stomach were covered with cuts, bruises and burns.

A statement found pinned on the body said he had been killed "for having been an Israeli spy" and as an example "to all other Israeli agents."

Police found in one of his pockets Polaroid photographs showing the victim and two other middle-aged bearded men with visible scars on their faces. They were identified as Yehouda and Yossef Benesti, presumably members of the same family.

The Organization of the Oppressed of the Earth two months ago murdered two other Jewish hostages, Isaac Tarab, 69, and Haim Halala Cohen, 39. Since those killings, most members of Beirut's already small Jewish community are said to have fled. Some reports say there are now fewer than 20 Jews left in Beirut.

Chinese sending scientist

TEL AVIV (JTA) — A Chinese scientist from the People's Republic of China is due in Israel this week to present a paper at the annual Israel conference on aviation and astronautics, to be held in Tel Aviv and Haifa.

He is Z.C. Shi, of Aerodynamic Research Institute in Sichuan province, who will deliver a paper on an aspect of supersonic flow, jointly with J. J. Gotlieb, of the University of Toronto Institute for Aerospace Studies.

Other senior Chinese officials of cooperative associations are also expected in Israel later this year, to attend the Agritech 86 international agricultural exhibition to open in Tel Aviv in September.

Israeli officials are unwilling to say much about the expected appearance at the conference of Chinese delegates, as well as delegates from developing countries in Africa and Asia, and countries from Eastern Europe, declaring that this is a sensitive issue.

Inflation rate falls

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The cost-of-living index dropped by 1.3% during January, the central bureau of statistics announced Friday.

It was the first time since 1973 that the monthly index has shown a decline.

Experts and newsmen had expected a small or even very small increase, and there was amazement on all faces at the press conference at which the bureau spokesman announced the January inflationary (or this time, deflationary) figure.

As from this month, the monthly index figures are to be based on the averse index for the whole of 1985, which will henceforth form the 100 base line.

Following the drop in oil prices in the world market, the government decided to cut the prices of fuel in Israel as well.

Crude oil for industrial purposes was to be cut by 10%. Solar, kerosene and cooking gas were to be cut by 5%. Car gasoline was to be cut by 3%, and electricity by 2%.

Full ties resumed with Ivory Coast

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel and Ivory Coast announced the resumption of full diplomatic relations last week in joint statements released simultaneously here and in Abidjan, the Ivorian capital.

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said an Israeli ambassador will take up his post in the West African nation shortly.

An ambassador from Ivory Coast will soon establish an embassy in Tel Aviv. The country had its embassy in Jerusalem before it broke relations with Israel in 1973 in the aftermath of the Yom Kippur War, and still owns the building there.

The two countries agreed in principle to restore relations during a meeting last December bertween Premier Shimon Peres and President Houphouet-Boigny of Ivory Coast. The meeting, in Geneva, had not been announced in advance.

Ivory Coast was one of the last Black African states to break with Israel after the Yom Kippur War. But despite the absence of diplomatic ties, it retained important commercial and economic relationships with Israel. Two other Black African nations that broke with Israel in 1973, Zaire and Liberia, resumed diplomatic relations last year.

Israel hopes that the move by Ivory Coast will lead to similar moves by other African states which were former French colonies.

World-National

Terrorists don't fool Americans

By
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Bradenton is a small town north of Sarasota, Florida. For most people visiting that part of the country it's a place you pass through, although those who live there think of its as the right mix of climate, business and the kind of environment where one can retire at reasonable prices. I belong to the "driving through" crowd and know nothing else about the town.

Rabbi Plaut

So why do I write about it? Because one Sunday in January, during the few days I spent in that part of the U.S., I read an advertisement in the Sarasota Herald-Tribune which caught my eye. It occupied the whole page and its message — yellow in the well known style of Western Union Mailgrams — was headed in bold letters: STIMUS TO KHADAFY (that was the spelling used). So, naturally, I read it.

I don't know Mr. Stimus. The return address notes that he is in auto sales — an American who felt impelled to spend his hard-earned money on sharing his sense of outrage with readers of the paper and, to boot, back his sentiment with an offer of a reward. Here's the ad:

To Colonel Moammar Khadafi:

In the past few weeks you have ordered the bloody deaths of American citizens and threatened the life of our President. I have witnessed your vile dictatorship corrupting small children for the sake of a headline. You dare invite glorious battle in nuclear holocaust. Your outrageous accusations and diabolical acts are a cancer on humanity. I personally feel that our country has been much too lenient in regard to your asinine behavior. Your lack of respect for the dignity of human life and worldwide efforts for peace make you a threat to sane individuals everywhere.

Speaking for the people of the United States I demand an apology to our President and to our country. I denounce you and your gorilla tactics . . .

The free world watches you in horror and outrage. I pray to God that he removes you and your sadistic terrorist animals from the face of this earth. I personally have declared a reward to the person who stops you.

— Tom Stimus, an American.

I reprint the advertisement in part (the rest is in the same tone) because it uncovers a layer in American society that we tend to forget: those many millions who are fed up with coddling and sweet-talking terrorists. They recognize such practitioners anywhere, even when they pose as "moderates."

Not surprising, people like Tom Stimus are also likely to have respect for Israel in its struggle to contain terror and meet it before it strikes. That is why, despite all the negative press Israel has received over the past few years, its firm support among Americans has never been in doubt.

We Jews have all too often exhibited a lamentable inability to appreciate that we (and Israel) have staunch and admiring friends. Mr. Stimus is far from alone.

Canada seeks release of two Refuseniks

OTTAWA —

Canadian parliamentarians have called on the Soviet Union to release Refuseniks Benjamin and Tanya Bogomolny.

Led by David Kilgour, chairman of the Canadian Parliamentary Group for Soviet Jewry, the MPs last month sent a letter to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev asking the Bogomolnys be allowed to join Benjamin's parents in Israel.

The letter says MPs met the Bogomolnys when several members of the parliamentary group visited the Soviet Union last year and that they are "particularly concerned about the welfare and wellbeing of this family."

Benjamin Bogomolny, a 40-year-old computer engineer, first applied to go to Israel in 1966. He reapplied in 1972 and was refused in 1973. His parents immigrated to Israel in 1970.

According to the group, his wife Tanya recently underwent surgery for cancer.

"We would appeal to you to allow these people to leave the USSR to rejoin their family in Israel as a gesture of compassion," the letter states.

Long-term national interests at stake

Jerusalem sees potential in SDI

By
WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON —

For President Ronald Reagan, there is probably no defence issue more important than his proposed Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI). "A security shield can one day render nuclear weapons obsolete and free mankind from the prison of nuclear terror," he declared in his recent State of the Union address before a joint session of Congress.

"America met one historic challenge and went to the moon," he said. "Now America must meet another: to make our strategic defence real for all the citizens of planet Earth."

The President and his closest advisers have a deep belief in the scientific potential of their Star Wars project. The tragic explosion of the Challenger space shuttle does not appear to have shaken that confidence.

They are still convinced that the U.S. indeed has the potential to develop a defensive system that will remove the possibility of nuclear war. And as a result, they are moving full speed ahead with the SDI concept.

This was evident in the new federal budget just submitted to Congress. There are many billions of SDI dollars at stake, despite the Gramm-Rudman atmosphere of heavy budget cuts across the board. In the 1987 fiscal year budget alone, the administration has proposed some $5 billion for initial research and development. More will be available in future years.

Already, the U.S. defence department has signed hundreds of contracts with American firms working at the cutting edges of high-technology to explore various aspects of the program. Many of these companies and think tanks are located in the Boston area — helping to explain why the cost of housing there has increased by over 30% this past year alone. Many people are moving there. SDI already has had a tremendous impact on Boston's economy. The same boost, of course, is true for the Silicon Valley, near Palo Alto in California and elsewhere.

The administration is making a major push to include the West European allies, Japan, Australia and Israel in the project. With most of the allies, there are still sensitive political problems and stumbling blocks. But that is not the case with Israel.

In early January, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin wrote to Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger formally accepting the invitation. Rabin proposed that the two governments sign a new memorandum of agreement, putting everything down on paper. Lower-level officials are currently doing that. There is every reason to believe that within the next few months, the first Pentagon contracts with Israeli defence-related firms will be signed.

The SDI program is still very controversial in the United States. Many liberal Democrats believe it is impractical, simply a huge waste of money. The Soviet Union, of course, has been blasting away at it for months — indirect proof, the administration argues, that Soviet experts believe it is genuinely feasible. Why else would Moscow be so alarmed?

Administration officials are delighted that even while the controversy has continued to spread in Western Europe, a similar debate has not really taken place in Israel.

White House officials have not been shy in expressing that this Israeli cooperation will help to shore up support for the program among Israel's many influential friends in the United States, especially in Congress and the Jewish community. So far, their hopes are being met.

Thus, the chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, Kenneth J. Bialkin, issued a press release on Feb. 3, praising the Israeli decision to join the program as representing "a further confirmation of the close and mutually advantageous relationship" between the United States and Israel.

In a cable to Rabin, Bialkin said it was "a further example of the advantages of coopertation and mutual support" between Washington and Jerusalem. "We want to commend you for your decision," he said. Israeli officials in Washington — as well as the White House — were certainly pleased by Bialkin's decision to go public on the issue.

The American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), the major pro-Israeli lobbying organization in Washington, is also clearly in favor of U.S.-Israeli cooperation in this area of strategic defence. This was underscored the other day when Thomas Dine, AIPAC's executive director, testified before the Senate armed services subcommittee on strategic and theatre nuclear forces which had convened to examine possible new defences against tactical ballistic missiles.

There is an interesting twist in the American Jewish reaction to Israel's attraction to SDI. Even those American Jews who are opposed to SDI in principle — out of strictly American concerns — can understand why Israeli leaders are anxious to cooperate with it. These American Jews accept the fact that Israel, potentially, has some long-term national interests at stake.

Israeli officials, for their part, have been anxious to learn if some of the new and exotic missile defence technologies envisaged in the SDI program might have a spillover benefit in conventional warfare, especially in neutralizing the Soviet-supplied SS-21 surface-to-surface missiles in Syria.

Lt.-Gen. James Abrahamson, the director of the SDI program at the defence department, has maintained for some time that such a possibility does in fact exist.

He said the SDI system "that is most often publicized or talked about is the multi-layered defence that clearly would be most effective against longer range missiles," such as the intercontinental SS-18s or the theatre range SS-20s. "However," he told reporters last year, "the very short range mussiles, like the SS-21s and the tactical range missiles that threaten not only Israel but also Europe — those are a special problem, a very difficult problem. We're not ignoring that. We are working on those kinds of systems. And I believe that as we are successful in finding ways to deal with that, it can contribute not only to the nuclear strategic defence, but also to the many, many conventional threats that are, indeed, facing many of our allies, in different ways than they are threatening the United States.

"So, I think the answer is yes — simply and very clearly, yes. These advanced technologies can be applied not only in the strategic arena, but also in the tactical arena. And that is one of the benefits of a participative program, with many allies."

Abrahamson expressed confidence that many Israeli companies could get involved. He recalled a personal visit to Israel earlier in his career to study Israel's purchase of F-16 fighter aircraft from the United States. "I am familiar . . . with the impressive technical capability that Israel has," he said. He cited some examples of potential Israeli involvement.

"Those areas range from some of the very fundamental technologies, such as in optics, even in some of the laser applications, through data processing, through advanced materials, and finally even some of the more conventional applications of some of the advanced technologies, meaning improving missiles, making missiles more effective."

Reagan shows importance of character and leadership

By
RICHARD COHEN

WASHINGTON —

By the time you read this, we will have celebrated the birthday that Ronald Reagan shares with me or, as everyone else sees it, the one I share with him. Either way, I have a gift for him and it is this: XXXXX. That's newspaperese for some wet kisses.

Don't read too much into that. The gift kisses are meant as tokens of appreciation, even of awe, for the President of the United States. Where he is wrong, he is wrong and I have never passed up the chance to point that out. But where he is right he is supreme and that, it seems to me, ought to be pointed out, too.

Nowhere was that clearer than the day when the space shuttle Challenger blew up, killing seven astronauts and traumatizing the nation. Almost immediately, someone asked me if Reagan would cancel the State of the Union speech scheduled for that night. No, I said, he would do nothing of the sort. He would incorporate the day's events into the speech and somehow bind the nation, make it feel better — provide a sense of purpose on a day when that sense, like the shuttle itself, seemed to have shattered into a million pieces.

I was wrong, technically. The President postponed the State of the Union. But the sort of speech I was expecting — we all were expecting — he gave anyway. You could quibble with a word here and a word there, even perhaps note that the words were written by someone else. But the President accomplished his purpose. I quoted him that night to my son. "The future doesn't belong to the fainthearted. It belongs to the brave. The Challenger crew was pulling us into the future and we'll continue to follow them." Yes, my son said. We have to reach for the stars.

There is a term I use in a speech I give — "the movie expectation." I use it sometimes in reference to Ronald Reagan himself. It means that you expect life to conform to the movies or television — that, for instance, a punch is all sound and no impact. I grew up with movies in which big men hit each other very hard and did no damage. It came as a rude surprise to me to learn the hard way that a punch in the mouth can hurt something awful.

Reagan is the master of that movie expectation. He has personalized it. He brings with him the expectation that things will turn out all right. This is the expectation that kids have for daddy — that he can make it better, make the pain go away, explain things that really can't be explained. He did precisely that with his speech to the nation after the death of the seven astronauts. This is a talent. This is a gift. And in a television age it is as important as military leadership once was for the kings of old. It is what a leader must do.

Good old history will have to decide whether this talent makes Reagan a great President, a good President or something lower down the scale. It will have to take into account the deficit, the lack of progress in arms control, an ossified unemployment rate, the withering of the national infrastructure, the poor getting poorer, the amorality of constructive engagement, the coming debacle in Central America — the lack of leadership in almost every area other than leadership itself. We really are standing tall. We just ain't going anywhere.

But this is a kiss. And so I must note the recent New York Times poll which showed, incorrectly, that the President enjoyed a 56% approval rating among Blacks. (With a much larger sample, The Washington Post put the figure at 23%.) The Times' figure would have been a stunning finding since not quite three years before, his approval rating was 18%. Yet only polling professionals voiced skepticism. The rest of us — and by "us" I include some columnists — thought that this was just Ol' Ron Reagan doing his magic. He had even been able to win over the voting group that has showed the most antipathy. The Reagan Expectation was at work again.

When Gary Hart vamoosed to Troublesome Gulch to announce nationally that he would not run locally, he allowed that if Ronald Reagan had taught us one thing it was the importance of ideas. Hardly. If he has taught us anything it is the importance of character and leadership, of standing tall even when you're in a hole, of making everyone smaller by being so much bigger. For these qualities — for being Ronald Reagan at moments when, really, no one else would do — he gets a well-deserved kiss.

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"I was deeply moved by the honor"

Peters chairs presidium of World WIZO meet

By
SHEILA DROPKIN

TORONTO — Canadian Hadassah-WIZO was paid a singular honor last month when its national president, Cecily Peters, was selected to chair the presidium of the 19th World WIZO conference held in Tel Aviv to mark the international organization's 65th anniversary. She was the first Canadian ever to have been given this responsibility.

The presidium is comprised of the presidents of the 18 largest federations of World WIZO. Mrs. Peters in effect chaired the entire 6-day conference.

"I was very pleased and deeply moved by the honor," Mrs. Peters told The CJN shortly after her return to Toronto last week, "but I see this more as a recognition of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO and its members than as a personal honor. The value and importance of our work and our membership cannot be overestimated."

The conference was attended by over 750 delegates from 36 different countries around the world. In addition to Peters, the Canadian delegation included 25 Hadassah-WIZO members, among whom were past national presidents Mirial Small of Toronto and Clare Balinsky of Montreal.

Prior to the start of the conference, the Canadians traveled to Asaf Harofe Hospital near Netanya where the Mirial Small School of Nursing was dedicted in honor of the past-president's devotion to the organization and the many achievements reached during her tenure. The hospital is one of the numerous Israeli institutions supported by the Canadian organization.

The dedication was attended by several members of Mrs. Small's family, the Israeli deputy minister of health and Dr. Mordechai Varron, director of the hospital.

The group also visited Hadassim Children's and Youth Village, where the dining hall was dedicated in the name of Raya Jaglom, who was re-elected world president of World WIZO. Michal Modai, whose husband is Israel's finance minister, was re-elected chairwoman of the World WIZO executive.

"We were addressed by every important minister in the cabinet of Israel," Peters stated, "and were given an in-depth look at the vital issues currently facing the country. I was especially impressed by finance minister Yitzhak Modai, the chief architect of Israel's economic recovery plan, who addressed us despite the fact that he was suffering from the flu.

"We were happy to hear that Israel's economy is strengthening, albeit slowly. The shekel is stable and we are hopeful that the improvement will continue."

Peters also remarked favorably on the fact that, despite the terrorist attacks which occurred immediately prior to the conference, not one delegate cancelled her trip and this was the largest conference ever held by World WIZO. She noted especially that there were 155 Aviv members, young people under the age of 40, showing that "the organization is continuing to grow and that there will be a continuum from generation to generation."

Hadassah-WIZO president Cecily Peters with Finance Minister Yitzhak Modai.

The Women's International Zionist Organization (WIZO) is a non-party, volunteer movement founded in London, in 1920. It has a membership of 250,000 organized in 50 federations throughout the world and maintains and supports 670 services and institutions in Israel.

The delegates were divided into five "commissions" or areas of study, including finance and fund raising; organization, education and Aviv; aliya and absorption; public affairs; and publicity, public relations and tourism.

"All the commissions have given us an opportunity for closer contact, more involvement and exchange of ideas," Peters explained. "By dividing ourselves into smaller groups, we had an opportunity to meet delegates from other federations on a more personal level. We all have lots of information and many reports which we must give further study now that we're home."

While the Canadians were in Israel, they also attended the 8th plenary assembly of the World Jewish Congress and the Zionist General Council meeting, both of which took place in Jerusalem.

"We were privileged to hear Rabbi Eliahu Essas, who had been released from Russia just a week before the World Jewish Congress conference began," Peters said. "He spoke beautifully in English and it was thrilling to hear him."

The self-taught rabbi remarked that he continues to wear his black Russian hat at all times as a reminder to himself of the coldness of Russia and of the Prisoners of Zion who remain there. He urged the delegates to use all methods possible, including quiet diplomacy and orderly demonstrations, to help secure their release.

Called "A Critique of the Past and a Plan for the Future," the WJC plenary was also addressed by Dr. Bernard Lown, 1985 Nobel Peace Laureate, and Prof. Carl E. Sagan, professor of astronomy and space sciences at Cornell University and a renowned scientist and author, both of whom stressed the dangers of a nuclear war.

The more than 1,000 delegates also heard from Walter Mondale, former vice-president of the United States, who pledged to try to get more multinational firms to establish business ties with Israel. Vernon Walters, former U.S. ambassador to Israel and now his country's ambassador to the United Nations, also gave a decidedly pro-Israel speech.

Irwin Cotler of McGill University spoke about the Dechesnes Commission, which is currently studying the implications of Nazi war criminals having found a place to hide from their criminal activities in Canada.

Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres had returned from Europe just prior to the plenary's conclusion, but nevertheless found the strength to speak for over an hour. He movingly described his feelings during his visit to Bergen Belsen, the notorious Nazi concentration camp, where he "hated the surrounding trees for being alive while so many thousands of our people who were there are dead."

Mrs. Peters commended the World Zionist Congress for keeping the idea of Zionism alive throughout the world. She explained that at their conference, the Zionists added three mitzvot to the 613 which Jews are already obligated to fulfil: aliya, Jewish education and knowledge of the Hebrew language.

Vice-Premier Yitzhak Shamir addressed the delegates immediately after Israel had forced a Libyan plane to land for investigation. He claimed that Israel has the right to defend itself against terrorism and that it has a duty to its citizens and to the Jews of the world to stop terrorism. He offered no excuse for this act.

An exhausted but exhilarated Cecily Peters concluded her ruminations on the three meetings by stating that such one had something special to offer foreign delegates and that she was proud that Canadian Hadassah-WIZO was so well represented.

Court refuses to block extradition

Accused war criminal returned

NEW YORK, (JTA) — After more than 30 years, numerous legal proceedings and two formal extradition requests, accused war criminal Andrija Artukovic boarded a plane last week for Yugoslavia, where he will face charges stemming from his activities as a senior official with the Nazi puppet state of Croatia during World War II.

Artukovic departed from Kennedy International Airport after Supreme Court Justice William Rehnquist, without comment, refused to block his extradition. Tanjug, the official Yugoslav news agency in Belgrade, reported that Artukovic had arrived. The news agency said, "Artukovic was transferred to Yugoslavia and turned over to court authorities."

Turned over to Yugoslavia

In Washington, the state department said the accused war criminal was surrendered to Yugoslav authorities, who returned him to Zagreb in northern Yugoslavia for trial on murder charges. A surrender warrant was signed June 3, 1985 by Deputy Secretary of State John Whitehead, the department said.

Two Jewish organizations that have closely monitored the legal proceedings involving Artukovic — the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center and the World Jewish Congress — immediately expressed their gratitude to the justice and state departments for their persistent efforts leading to Artukovic's extradition.

The 86-year-old Artukovic, of Seal Beach, a seaside community south of Los Angeles, is accused by the justice department of the wartime persecution or murder of 700,000 Serbians, 40,000 Gypsies and 28,000 Jews while he was interior minister for Croatia.

NOTICE
Re:
1986 Annual Meeting

1. **The 1986 Annual Meeting of the Jewish National Fund of Canada** will be held in **JERUSALEM, ISRAEL** on **THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 1986 at 6:30 p.m.**
2. All members of the Jewish National Fund of Canada (Keren Kayemeth Le'israel) Inc., are invited to submit nominations for directors and/or officers whose term of office is due to expire. Such nominations should be addressed to:
Mrs. Francel Mandell, Chairperson, 1986 Nominating Committee, 1980, Sherbrooke Street West, Ste. 620, Montreal, Quebec H3H 2M7,
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By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: Does one say Yiskor before the first year of mourning has ended?

The Kitzur Shulchan 'Aruch, the Abridged Code of Jewish Law, Chapter 133, states that "during the first year after the death of his father or mother, the son goes out of the synagogue and does not say Yiskor.

Rabbi Burak

But, as in so many points of Jewish law, there is an even greater authority who espouses the opposite view. The Magen Avraham, O. H. Chapter 284:7 rules that "one mentions the souls maskirrin neshamos, of the departed during the first year of mourning." However, it may be argued that this does not refer to the Yiskor we say on Yom Tov. It refers to the prayer "O Heavenly Father grant rest and peace to the soul of . . . who has gone to eternity."

Where does this leave us? We must seek the authority of the Talmud when the way ahead is not clear. In Tractate Berachos, 58B we are told that Rab said: "The dead is not forgotten till after twelve months, as it says (in Psalms 31:13) 'I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind; I am like a lost vessel,'" and in Jewish law a thing is not given up as lost till after twelve months have passed.

This means that the mourner remembers, during the frist year of mourning, that he has lost a loved one. Well then, if the mourner hasn't forgotten, it stands to reason that the All Merciful One remembers even more so. So, why do we ask the Almighty to remember our loved ones who have departed?

Is He prone to forget it if we don't remind him? Of course not! It's only a way to remind ourselves. It is man who forgets. However, the Talmud has told us that though man does forget, he remembers his dear departed during the 12 months of mourning. On that basis, there is no need for him to say Yiskor.

Still, there is another element in the Kitzur's ruling that has been overlooked in this discussion. Why does the Kitzur say that the son should leave the synagogue during the Yiskor service? What harm is there in his staying there?

It is suggested by the No'am Megadim that if the mourner were to stay for this service of remembrance, he might give vent to a paroxysm of grief. As the memory of his dear one comes to him, bringing back the knife-like agony he experienced at the time of his loss, he might scream aloud in his pain, and disturb the congregation. Then everyone would grieve with him. That's why it is suggested he go out.

If that's the reason, I have some news for you. In many a house of mourning, the agony is absent during the shiva. After the shiva, those people who cannot live without attending a ball game, go once again. Those who cannot find life meaningful if they don't attend a hockey game, attend once more. What should they do with their season tickets?

Well, perhaps in recognition of the changed conditions of life, the mourners should sit with the rest of the congregation and say Yiskor, even during the first year of mourning.

Have no fear that the mourner will scream in anguish as he remembers his loss. That hearing aid in his ear is not a hearing aid at all. It is a jack that leads to his pocket radio, bringing him what he needs when the service grows dull, or too painful.

Award nomination for Holocaust film

WASHINGTON (JTA)— A U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council documentary, The Courage to Care, has been nominated for an Academy Award in the best documentary short subject category.

Elie Wiesel, chairman of the council, narrates the film, for which Sister Carol Rittner of Detroit and Sondra Myers of Scranton, were the executive producers.

The Courage to Care is about those people who, at great risk to themselves and their families, helped save the lives of Jews during the Holocaust. Specifically, it focuses on the experience of four rescuers and two survivors.

The Courage to Care will be shown nationally by the PBS Network. The showing is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 7. Free copies of a viewer's guide to the film are available from the International Center for Holocaust Studies of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, 823 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017; (212) 490-2525.

Participants in interfaith dialogue

CJC religious dept. promotes unity

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — The Canadian Jewish Congress has been variously referred to as the parliament of Canadian Jewry, the voice of Canadian Jewry at home and abroad, and the conscience of the Canadian Jewish community.

The first assembly of Canadian Jewish Congress took place in 1919 when representatives of Jewish communities from coast to coast gathered in Montreal to discuss the question of Canadian Jewish representation at the Versailles peace conference's deliberations on the Jewish refugee problem after World War I.

However, it took another 15 years before Canadian Jewish Congress became in fact a permanent body and a broadly representative organization. The impetus to reactivate CJC was, of course, the rise of Nazism in Europe.

Today, CJC serves as official representative before all levels of government on matters affecting the status and welfare of Jews. Individuals, whether affiliated or not with any Jewish organization, are eligible to participate in the CJC process of determining policy and electing community leadership, at its triennial plenary assembly.

In following this democratic principle, CJC believes it is reflecting the fundamental ideals of the ancient Jewish tradition of "kehilla" or community.

CJC's current annual budget is in excess of $3 million. These funds are contributed proportionally by Jewish communities across Canada by local United Jewish Appeal campaigns. This figure does not include the substantial government grants various CJC programs have received.

Despite the magnitude of its operations, CJC has of late been calling itself the Jewish community's "best kept secret." This is the first in a series of articles leading up to the Plenary Assembly in May which will profile the work of CJC committees.

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The National Religious Department, it could be said, puts the Jewish in Congress. As the spokesman organization of Canadian Jewry, CJC's viewpoint is sought not only by government and public agencies, but by the other faith communities in the country. Interreligious dialogue has become an important aspect of the work of the NRD, along with its primary mandate of fostering a common sense of identity among Jews of all religious and cultural expressions in Canada.

The national chairman of the NRD for the past nine years has been Moe Seidman of Montreal. Director Ian Kagedan replaced Rabbi Robert Sternberg who left the position last summer after seven years.

"Our department is not like any other," said Seidman. "We attempt to involve Jews of all orientations. We feel that Congress should stretch out its hands to every Jew committed to the oneness of our people, regardless of the degree of his or her personal involvement or observance."

The NRD does not pretend to be a halachic authority (it is not, for instance, concerned with kashruth supervision) or to have any control over the rabbinate. Within the Jewish community, the department promotes several nation-wide programs and offers various information services.

In the international arena, the NRD has for many years arranged shipment of Passover supplies to the Jews of Cuba.

The NRP has two standing commissions: on the family and marriage and on aging and the aged. The former initiated and developed a matchmaking program for Jewish singles called the Jewish Introduction Service, a separate department of CJC since the end of 1984. The commission has also published pamphlets on divorce, intermarriage and other issues related to the Jewish family.

The latter commission has encouraged synagogues across Canada to annually observe Shavua Lazaken, a week to honor the elders, around the holiday of Shavuot. In a similar vein, this year the NRD called upon Canadian synagogues to recall the heroism of Raoul Wallenberg in Sabbath services Jan. 18, the 41st anniversary of his capture by the Soviets.

The NRD maintains contact with Jews throughout Canada largely through the synagogues. The NRD publishes a national synagogue directory; the latest edition will list some 320 synagogues throughout Canada, including basic membership information.

To make its programming more national in scope, the NRD will present a resolution at the plenary assembly proposing the creation of the Synagogue Council of Canada. Under the umbrella of this council, representatives of synagogues in Canada would meet periodically to discuss common interests.

The Synagogue Council of Greater Montreal, which now brings together the lay leaders of 29 synagogues, has been in existence since 1954. The only group of congregations not represented on the council are the Chassidic.

A national synagogue council would be concerned with such matters as synagogue affiliation, Jewish education, religious observances and the respect of Jewish traditions in the conduct of community functions, and support for the State of Israel and oppressed Jewry.

The NRD will also propose the establishment of a National Chaplaincy Committee, which would serve federal prisons, the armed forces and regions not served by local Jewish chaplains.

Another division of the NRD is the National Advisory Committee on Jewish Education, chaired by Rabbi Mordecai Zeitz of Montreal. The committee is now concluding a survey of Jewish educational materials available in Canada. The survey was carried out with the assistance of a grant from the federal multiculturalism directorate.

Perhaps, the NRD's greatest achievement has been its pioneering interfaith work through the National Tripartite Liaison Committee, composed of representatives of Canadian Jewish Congress, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Canadian Council of Churches, which unites the main Protestant denominations.

After a decade of joint work, "strong prejudices are gradually being removed and the walls of misunderstanding are slowly being shattered," Seidman states. Christian leaders are becoming sensitized to issues previously seen as only of Jewish concern, he said.

Among recent concrete developments in the interfaith area has been a greater awareness of the Holocaust expressed in church publications and, in some cases, liturgy. Yom Hashoa services are held in some churches, and the Anglican Church of Canada has developed an educational series on the Holocaust for its members.

Christian clergy also continue to show their support for the cause of Soviet Jewry through an interfaith task force.

CJC representatives participate in national and international church councils, as well as in the World Conference on Religions for Peace. Through the latter, the NRD has formed relationships with non-Christian faith communities, including Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, the native Indian community of Kahnawake, near Montreal, and one Moslem sect.

Kagedan, and before him, Sternberg, have participated in the local conferences of the Ahamadiyya branch of Islam, whose members are primarily from the Indian subcontinent.

At the Plenary Assembly, the NRD is planning a forum on Christian-Jewish relations.

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DIARY ...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

Joseph Trumpeldor was killed Adar 11 (Feb. 20 this year) 1920 in the defence of Tel Hai. The Jewish-Russian war hero was shot to death by Arab raiders under a white flag of truce.

Tel Hai was founded in the turbulent frontier area jutting between Syrian and Lebanese territory, in the latter years of World War I, to guard the Hula Valley. The latter was the breadbasket of the struggling Jewish yishuv as well as a broad access into its heartland. The defeat of Turkey saw each of the Middle East's new overlords, France and England, trying to maximize its gains. Political machinations, rising nationalism, opportunism and restlessness resulted in a traffic of Arab marauders across the Galil.

Trumpeldor, whose exploits in the 1904 Russo-Japanese War earned him a special commendation from the czar and cost him his left arm, first came to the Galil on the eve of WWI, to join the settlers of Deganya. He was deported to Egypt for refusing to pledge allegiance to Turkey. In Alexandria, he and militant Zionist Zev Jabotinsky worked together to found an all-Jewish unit in the British army to fight the Turks, disrespectfully dubbed the Zion Mule Corps by the British.

Trumpeldor returned in 1919, after founding a transit station in Constantinople for olim. He was alarmed at the rise in Arab hostility in his beloved Galil — isolated and vulnerable.

He urged the British to allow 10,000 newly demobilized Jews from the Russian army to join the Jewish Legion — the corps successor — for the yishuv's defence. The British refused. They disbanded the legion altogether and sent its 5,000 Jewish soldiers back to the U.S., Canada and England.

Meanwhile, the northern Galil was becoming a battleground between Arabs and the French authorities of Syria and Lebanon. The local Jewish settlers, far away from the at least nominal shield of their supposed British protectors, were left to their own resources. They called on Trumpeldor to set up an effective local defence.

Trumpeldor arrived in the area in early January, 1920, and promptly began organizing its defenders. He and volunteers from the south of the country reinforced the settlements at Tel Hai, Metullah, and Kfar Giladi with barbed wire fences, wooden palisades and watch towers. Weapons were smuggled in past British patrols, or made locally.

A large party of Arab raiders attacked Tel Hai on March 1. Prepared, Trumpeldor and the other defenders held them off from their fortified stockade despite the Arabs' numbers. The leader of the attackers signalled a truce, requesting negotiation. Trumpeldor reluctantly complied.

While the majority waited across the field, a small group of apparently unarmed Arabs made their way to the door of the stockade and were admitted. Once inside, they drew concealed revolvers from the folds of their robes and shot point blank at Trumpeldor and the other defenders. Trumpeldor took a bullet in the stomach, mortally wounded.

The victims of the ruse were evacuated to Kfar Giladi at nightfall; Trumpeldor and seven others died. His last words, in Hebrew, to the settlers desperately trying to keep him alive were: "Never mind. It is good to die for our country."

Tel Hai was evacuated. In the subsequent negotiations between Britain and France, the Hula Valley was formally incorporated into the British Mandate. Its settlements eventually reverted to Jewish control.

Tel Hai became the site of a moving graduation exercise in the State of Israel's defence forces. Adar 11 is a national day of remembrance.

Court won't order release

Deschenes legal reports kept secret

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — A Federal Court judge last week dismissed an application to have eight legal reports prepared for the Deschenes Commission made public.

In handing down a 10-page written judgment, Justice Bud Cullen rejected the argument of the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith Canada that failure to release the reports would amount to a failure by the commission of its "general duty of fairness."

Cullen stated "the reports will be made public when the commission files its report," and that there has been ample opportunity for the commission to hear the views of the League.

Cullen stated the public was aware of the subject matter of the reports and that much of the written and oral submissions before the commission dealt with those subjects: the applicability of criminal law, international law and the law of immigration, citizenship, naturalization, extradition and deportation in dealing with possible war criminals in Canada.

David Matas, counsel for the League, had asked the court to order the commission to release reports prepared by eight law professors and practitioners on the "legal problems associated with the commission mandate."

Matas had argued that a secret 1980 memorandum (made public only in 1985) by Martin Low, chairman of a government interdepartmental committee, resulted in government inaction because of its conclusion that nothing could be done to bring Nazi war criminals in Canada to justice.

Matas suggested that situation might repeat if the eight reports remained secret.

"It's not just an academic discussion," Matas told The CJN. "It will presumably lead to advice" as to what the government should do. Pointing to the Low memorandum, Matas noted it led to government inaction based on "irrelevant law, (taken) out of context."

Cullen rejected that argument, quoting Deschenes that "a line has to be drawn somewhere where the debate must be closed." If he allowed the League to comment on the legal opinions, he might then have to allow the authors of the opinions the opportunity to respond to the criticism, he stated.

"As I say, there would be no end to it," Cullen quotes Deschenes as saying.

Cullen upheld Deschenes' view that it was appropriate to "seek outside views that would not be working under the difficulty to represent and defend interests of any client."

Following announcement of the decision, Matas said "if the commission should come to an erroneous conclusion based on those reports, the government isn't going to appoint another commission to conduct another study."

The government established the commission to consider the legal aspects of the question, Matas said, and it is not likely to appoint a new commission if allegations later arise Deschenes' conclusions were based on mistakes of law.

The commission is due to report by June 30. According to Robert McNamara, a lawyer aiding commission counsel Yves Fortier, the commission is awaiting a reply from Soviet officials as to its proposal to take evidence in the Soviet Union.

Israel-Egypt talks said progressing

TEL AVIV (JTA) — **General Avraham Tamir, director-general of the Prime Minister's office, said last week that the Israeli-Egyptian negotiations over the Taba border dispute and normalization of relations are going well and should be completed in a few weeks. The two issues are being discussed separately but in tandem.**

Tamir, and David Kimche, director-general of the foreign ministry, head the Israeli negotiators and the Egyptian delegation is headed by Dr. Nabil El-Arabi. The working teams of both sides met last week at the Accadia Hotel in Herzliah to resume the latest round of talks which began earlier in Cairo.

The meetings are the second since Israel's inner cabinet, on Jan. 13, accepted Egyptian demands to submit the Taba dispute to international binding arbitration, with the proviso that at least the first few months of the process be devoted to seeking conciliation, meaning a compromise between the disputants.

Tamir said the current talks are concerned with the terms of reference of the arbitration panel — yet to be selected — and its powers and duties.

Kimche said that Israel would not link the compromise approach to arbitration to any conditions for the implementation of agreements on the normalization of relations between Israel and Egypt. He said Israel wanted to keep the normalization aspects of the 1979 peace treaty separate from the Taba issue.

Otherwise, he explained to reporters, the arbitrators could have a say in how the agreement already reached between the two countries should be carried out, and this is not in Israel's interests. At the same time, he said, Cairo has agreed that progress in the talks is a 2-way affair covering both the terms of arbitration and normalization.

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Relatives in Toronto celebrate

Scharansky release met with stunned disbelief

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

As Anatoly Scharansky went in one day from being a prisoner in the Soviet gulag to an Israeli citizen davening at the Western Wall, his 29 cousins in Toronto went from being cautious skeptics to joyous revelers.

At first, when the phone rang at 6 a.m. last Tuesday at the home of Debby and Stan Solomon to inform them of their second cousin's walk to freedom across a bridge linking East to West, there was stunned disbelief mixed with euphoria. Then, the news spread like wildfire and soon, the whole *mishpocha* felt like a huge weight was taken from the family shoulders.

On the night of Anatoly's release, the clan gathered at the Solomons' North York home to toast their famed relative's sweet freedom with kosher wine from Israel..

"L'chaim!" the cousins and their children shouted in raising their glasses.

"We're ecstatic, absolutely ecstatic," Debby Solomon told The CJN after a whirwind day of media interviews. "A long fight is over. It's been a long, hard road."

Solomon, whose grandfather and Anatoly's grandfather were brothers, first became involved in the Scharansky case when she met his wife Avital in Toronto in 1976. The two became friends and as later events proved, it was the tireless efforts of Avital and concerned people around the world who helped secure Anatoly's freedom.

The family patriarch, 83-year-old Boris Landis, recalled his boyhood days in Odessa with Anatoly's grandfather, who was Boris's uncle. It was at Anatoly's grandfather's urging that Landis and his family moved to Odessa in 1916 to escape the wrath of the Germans during World War I. Landis, Anatoly's closest Toronto relative, came to Canada in 1928, so he has never met his renowned cousin.

Other relatives watched Anatoly's release on television.

"I had goose bumps," said Harold Landis, another second cousin. "This was the day we had all been waiting for for nine years."

"To think that he was in Russia one morning and praying at the Wailing Wall that evening...it's just amazing," said Debby Solomon's husband Stan, who went to Geneva with Avital during the superpower summit to try and press Soviet officials for Anatoly's release.

Adopts Hebrew name

As it happened, Avital was briefly whisked away by Soviet security agents while standing near the Soviet mission in Geneva, dressed in symbolic prison garb. A few tense hours later, she was released and everyone left Geneva dejected that human rights weren't discussed on an official level, Solomon recalled.

"We didn't think that just a few months later, Anatoly and Avital would be together in Jerusalem."

"I'm sure they're taking good care of him (in Israel)," said cousin Herb Landis, with some probable understatement.

Upon arriving in Israel, Scharansky adopted the Hebrew name Natan. Natan was the name of Scharansky's, Debby Solomon's and the Landis's great-grandfather.

The Solomons said they had plans to visit the Scharanskys in Israel soon, but thought it over and said they would go at a later date to give everyone a chance to settle down.

The Solomons, Landises and other cousins were amazed that Anatoly even displayed a sense of humor upon his arrival in Tel Aviv.

Said Scharansky: "I'm very glad to have the opportunity to speak to the audience in which my criminal contacts are represented so widely," referring sarcastically to the crime of being a practicing Jew in the Soviet Union.

The family was also pleasantly surprised that Anatoly looked and sounded relatively well, considering his ordeal. They assumed that he had been cared for and well fed for weeks prior to his release so the Soviets could gain more PR mileage from the event.

For most of the relatives, Scharansky's release was the culmination of years of struggle and disappointment.

A petition for Scharansky's release circulated by the family was signed by more than 20,000 Canadians. Protest after protest was held in major Canadian cities. For a long time, it all seemed futile. The family kept up its fight through four Soviet leaders, and as three leaders died in rapid succession, the family's hopes dimmed but were never extinguished. They were spurred on, they say, by Anatoly's last words before he was sentenced in 1978 to 13 years in prison and at hard labor: next year in Jerusalem.

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In the Canadian political arena, tributes to Scharansky poured in.

At Queen's Park in Toronto, Premier David Peterson praised the former dissident's effectiveness in fighting for his freedom. Opposition leader Larry Grossman called Scharansky a "brave martyr" and a hero to all Jews.

In Ottawa, MP Bill Attewell, chairman of the Canada-Israel Parliamentary Friendship Group, asked External Affairs Minister Joe Clark what new initiatives the government will show regarding the remaining 20,000 Refuseniks in the Soviet Union and the 350,000 still waiting for a reply to their exit visa applications.

Clark said he has met with representatives of the Jewish community and that the federal government will be examining ways of securing the release of more Jewish dissidents. Canada, Clark said, wants "to focus on practical efforts and practical influence" regarding Soviet Jews.

Three of Anatoly Scharansky's 29 cousins in Toronto celebrate. Family patriarch Boris Landis, centre, is flanked by Scharansky's second cousins Debby Solomon and Harold Landis, who is holding an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree diploma granted to Scharansky by York University in 1982. [Graphic Artists photo]

Politicians give words of praise

Opposition Leader John Turner said "the courage and bravery of this individual, who endured the pressures of the entire Soviet system for the principles for which he stood, is a symbol not only for Jews around the world but for people everywhere who believe basic human rights cannot be trampled."

New Democrat leader Ed Broadbent said Scharansky has set an example as a human being in pursuit of liberty.

MP David Kilgour, chairman of the Canadian Parliamentary Group for Soviet Jewry, told The CJN that when he visited Scharansky's mother Ida Milgrom in Moscow last year, she told him that when she had seen her son in the Perm labor camp, she didn't recognize him.

"He embodies what we're all struggling for," Kilgour said.

But Ontario MPP Steve Offer, chairman of the Ontario Legislature Committee for Soviet Jewry, said his happiness was "tempered with even more determination.

"We should be happy and joyous but we should also see that this is just one chapter in the book. We must concentrate on completing the book. There is still a great deal to be done."

JNF of Canada names forest for Scharanskys

TORONTO —

A forest named after Anatoly and Avital Scharansky has been established in Israel by the Jewish National Fund of Canada in association with Keren Kayemeth Le'Israel.

The forest, located within the Forest of Hope for Soviet Jewry in Canada Park, "commemorates and honors two courageous fighters for freedom," Saul Zitzerman, JNF national president said in an announcement.

"Here is a unique opportunity for all Canadians to pay tribute and celebrate the release of a brave human being through the planting of trees in the Anatoly and Avital Scharansky Forest," Zitzerman added.

Canada Park, sponsored by the JNF, is a 7,500-acre recreational facility between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

Scharansky waves to crowds greeting him in Israel while his wife, Avital, wipes away tears of joy — after her long wait for this day. [Canapress photo]

Anatoly Scharansky (now Natan) holds his hands together in a victory signal as he is greeted at Ben Gurion Airport by Prime Minister Shimon Peres. [Canapress photo]

Plot to overthrow government

U.S. neo-Nazis receive stiff prison sentences

SEATTLE (JTA) —

Ten members of a radical neo-Nazi gang have been given stiff prison terms ranging between 40 and 100 years for a bizarre plot to overthow the government and establish an Aryan society.

U.S. district Judge Walter McGovern made little comment when members of the group, The Order, were sentenced here recently for racketeering and conspiracy.

Prosecutors, during a 3½-month trial last fall, accused the group of committing two murders, robbery, counterfeiting, and other crimes as it sought to kill Jews, deport minorities, and create an all-white nation.

The harshest sentences went to those accused of committing murder. McGovern ordered a 100-year sentence for Bruce Carroll Pierce, suspected of being the triggerman in the June 1984 machine gun slaying of Denver radio personality Alan Berg, a Jew.

Government authorities claimed Pierce, 31, of Hayden Lake, Idaho, and several other group members decided to kill Berg because he was Jewish and relished baiting anti-semites who phoned him during his phone-in show.

Also given a 100-year sentence was Randolph Duey, 34, of Spokane, Wash. Duey was accused of murdering fellow white supremacist Walter West because he was believed to be leaking information about The Order.

Gary Lee Yarbrough, sentenced to 60 years for racketeering and armed robbery, compared the defendants to patriots, and told McGovern during the hearing that the lengthy trial was a sham.

"This was a political trial," said Yarbrough, 28, of Sandpoint, Idaho. "These men are no more criminals than the men who took part in the Boston Tea Party." Yarbrough warned the judge that The Order's cause would be promoted by "200,000 faithful members and 100,000 supporters. There will be many more. The blood will flow, and it grieves me."

But Assistant U.S. Attorney Gene Wilson, who headed the government's 6-member prosecution team, praised the sentences and said they would serve as warning for others who commit serious crimes for ideological purposes.

The youngest Order member, 23-year-old Richard Kemp of Salinas, Calif., was given a 60-year prison term, while the six other members were sentenced to 40 years each.

The 10 defendants said they will appeal their sentences to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Federal law requires the defendants to serve at least 10 years before they can be considered for parole, although they are likely to serve longer because of the nature of their crimes, a federal probation officer here said.

Jurors in the trial said they found the only female defendant, 52-year-old Jean Craig of Laramie, Wyoming, guilty of surveilling Berg before he was killed, but they did not say whether they believed that Order members were involved in the murder.

The case was tried under the Racketeer and Influenced Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act, which required a jury to find the accused guilty of a minimum of two crimes committed to further the illegal group. The jury in The Order case was not required to say which two crimes constituted the minimum for each defendant.

David Lane, believed to have driven the getaway car in the Berg murder, read a long statement during the sentencing hearing, reiterating the group's aim of saving the Aryan race from impurity. "I've given all that I am and all that I have to awaken my people from their death," said Lane, 46, of Denver, who was sentenced to 40 years.

All the defendants were convicted of racketeering and conspiracy to commit racketeering in the trial that ended Dec. 30. Some defendants were also convicted of additional federal crimes, including armed car robberies and illegal weapons possession.

Veterans allowance case

Charter violation claimed

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Residency requirements contained in federal veterans allowance legislation creates "second-class citizens" and violates the constitutional right to equal treatment, Ontario Supreme Court was told recently.

In his submissions before Justice Edward Saunders, lawyer Mark Freiman argued equality provisions "of the Charter of Rights require that people similarly situated be similarly treated."

Freiman told The CJN the argument he presented over a 2-day span in court suggested that the residency requirement created distinctions between Canadian citizens, and was as a result, "of no force and effect."

Freiman, along with Keith Landy, represents Irene Bregman, the widow of a Soviet World War II army veteran challenging provisions of the War Veterans Allowance Act which confer benefits on veterans of Canadian allies only after they have resided in Canada for 10 years (CJN Jan. 23).

Landy and Freiman argued a residency requirement has the effect of making naturalized citizens "probationary Canadians." They asked Justice Saunders to declare Mrs. Bregman entitled to an allowance.

Freiman's and Landy's arguments were opposed by federal lawyer Brian Evernden, who denied the legislation discriminated in any way. Evernden told court there will be "anomalies in any social welfare scheme."

He noted parliament had also denied benefits to war veterans who fought with enemy forces, and he argued the residency requirement "makes a strong connection with Canada imperative."

As many as 120 Soviet war veterans, most of whom emigrated to Canada within the last 10 years, may be affected by the decision. The vast majority are Jews, said Yokel Vainberg, head of an organization representing them which has lobbied for the benefits.

Landy and Freiman note the ramifications of a favorable judgment could be "very great," since other social program legislation containing residency requirements, such as Old Age Security, could be affected.

Freiman speculated "there is a good chance the case will go to a higher court (for appeal)."

Justice Saunders reserved judgment in the case.

Govt. completes commitment for CJC race relations manual

MONTREAL —

The Canadian Jewish Congress has received the final instalment of federal government funding for the development of a manual on race relations and the law.

Dollard member of Parliament Gerry Weiner presented the check for $13,000 on behalf of the secretary of state's multiculturalism directorate to CJC officials, completing the $85,000 commitment.

Dollard MP Gerry Weiner (right) presents check for race relations and the law manual to Canadian Jewish Congress national officer and Quebec Region chairman Bernard Finestone.

The manual is to be used by laymen as a guide to rights guaranteed under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Its creation was initiated three years ago by CJC's law and social action committee, chaired by Toronto law professor Fred Zemans. Over the last two years, project manager Tannis Cohen has been doing research for the manual, with the assistance of Zemans' committee of legal experts.

When completed, the manual will be distributed to social service centres, libraries, junior colleges and other institutions across the country, free of charge. It focuses on individual rights outlined in the charter's section 15, which came into effect last April.

Using a question and answer format, the manual covers such topics as: race relations in Canada, discrimination and harassment, human rights legislation, affirmative action and the criminal justice system.

The final instalment will enable the printing and distribution of the manual.

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Editorial

Remarkable faith

Jews celebrate with decent people everywhere the release of Prisoner of Conscience Anatoly Scharansky in an East-West exchange conducted at a border crossing between the two Germanies.

For eight years Anatoly Scharansky has been a prisoner of the gulag on a trumped-up charge of spying for the United States.

Scharansky's real "crime" was having the audacity to monitor Soviet responses to the Helsinki Accords of 1975. Those responses were typically hypocritical and Scharansky had the courage to say so.

In the police state we call the Soviet Union, criticism of the regime is called anti-Soviet agitation. In Scharansky's case an additional charge of spying was brought against him so as to deflect Western criticism.

For eight long and tortuous years Scharansky, a modern Dreyfus, has suffered the indignities of hard labor, failing health and persecution.

His release can be traced to three factors:

- The international campaign on behalf of Scharansky and Soviet Jewry has been unceasing. The constant pressure on the Soviet regime, applied month after month, year after year, helped keep Scharansky's name in the public domain.
- The intervention of the United States has been another important ingredient in the efforts to effect Scharansky's release. American representatives in Moscow have raised the Scharansky case on numerous occasions. Informed sources also indicate that President Reagan had Scharansky on his agenda during his talks with Party Secretary Gorbachev last fall in Geneva.
- The third and most important element in the Scharansky case was the faithful advocacy of Avital Scharansky, a wife whose exertions on behalf of her husband are legendary.

When others had almost given up hope, Avital would rally their spirits. With boundless energy and commitment she traversed the free world seeking audiences with presidents and prime ministers asking for their assistance and intervention.

Avital Scharansky, a true eshet chail, a woman of valor would not give up in the face of the most fearsome obstacle imaginable — the obdurateness of the Soviet Union.

She persevered. She endured travail of body and soul. In the end she triumphed and her beloved has been freed.

A remarkable tale of personal faith, courage and heroism.

Enemies of peace

M. J. Rosenberg, editor of the prestigious Near East Report, has drawn our attention to some arresting news emanating from Washington.

The United States department of defence is considering sending a powerful array of sophisticated weapons to Saudi Arabia, the only country in the world which bears the name of its ruling oligarchy.

The proposed arms package includes 1,000 sidewinder air-to-air missiles, 800 Stinger anti-aicraft missiles, 95 Electronic Countermeasure Systems for F-5s and F-15s and upgrade kits for 60 F-15s.

The proposal to sell the Saudis this material is, according to Rosenberg, contrary to promises made by the American government during the controversial AWACs agreement of 1981.

During that period the American administration promised "that future arms transfers to Riyadh would take place only if there had been 'significant progress' toward Middle East peace with the substantial assistance of Saudi Arabia."

The current proposal to ship the Saudis a powerful package of arms violate clearly the provisions of that promise. The Saudis, far from being peacemakers in the Middle East, are active enemies of Israel.

Their support of Qadaffi in Libya (they have promised to support Libya in any confrontation with the United States), their endorsement of anti-American resolutions at Arab and Islamic conferences, their pyrothechnical rhetoric against Israel ("armed confrontation against Israel is an existing necessity," said King Fahd last February) — all show that the Saudis are enemies of peace.

Rewarding such people with arms shipments which in all likelihood would be used against Israel, is a frightening demonstration of the power of money over sensibility.

The U.S. government should cancel its arms plans for Saudi Arabia as it has for Jordan.

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Never paid former slave laborers a penny

Flick defied trial's verdict

THE JEWISH WORLD

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Thirty years ago, the West German government enacted a basic indemnification law which provided monetary compensation to the Jewish victims of the Holocaust. But there was a yawning gap in the law: Jews who had toiled as forced laborers for private German companies contributing to the Nazi war effort were ignored by the legislation.

In the 1960s, the New York-based Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany reached compensation agreements with several major West German industrial groups — I.G. Farben and Krupp, to name but two — that had used Jewish slave laborers. (At today's exchange rates, these payments ran to about $20 million).

But the Flick conglomerate, which manufactures everything from toilet paper to explosives, did not participate in the deal. Dynamite Nobel (known as Feldmuble Nobel AG today), a Flick subsidiary, agreed in 1964 to make a payment, but it was never made. Not until early this year, shortly after the Deutsche Bank bought a controlling interest in it for $1.8 billion, in the biggest takeover in West German history, did Feldmuble Noble finally pay an indemnity.

In an official statement, Feldmuble said a $2 million payment had been made "on humanitarian grounds," in accord with the Deutsche Bank, the largest private commercial bank in West Germany.

The money will go to the survivors who worked in Feldmuble's gunpowder factory during the war. Robert Kempner, the former deputy U.S. counsel at the Nuremberg war crimes trials, was reportedly responsible for Feldmuble's change of heart. He intervened in the case by urging Feldmuble's directors to "rid the company of the stigma of non-payment of reparations..."

During World War II, Feldmuble was part of the I.G. Farben empire. Friedrich Flick, the founder of the Flick dynasty and an early supporter of Hitler, sat on its board. Flick's holding company took full control of Feldmuble in 1959, eight years after he had been pardoned for his role in helping bring Hitler to power. Flick, in 1947, had been sentenced to seven years imprisonment.

Flick, who died in 1972 at the age of 90, is regarded as the man who blocked the agreement between Feldmuble and the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.

Born in the Siegerland, an area east of the Rhine and south of the Ruhr, Flick was the son of a farmer. Shrewd and ambitious, he became a millionaire by acquiring mining shares. Like some members of his class who saw Nazism as a bulwark to Communism, he channeled funds to Hitler when he was just another German politician hoping to win power.

His loyalty was rewarded. According to Benjamin Ferencz, the author of *Less Than Slaves (Harvard University Press, 1979)*, the Nazis repaid him by giving him exclusive "aryanization" rights to Jewish coal interests in Czechoslovakia. When the German army marched into Russia, Flick was given access to the region's industrial riches.

Friedrich Flick... the father

Ferencz, whose book remains the definitive work on the Nazis' slave labor force, claims that Flick was aware of the concentration camps and the Final Solution. To the Nazis, he was "a man who could be trusted."

At the Nuremberg tribunal, Flick was represented by a team of no less than 14 lawyers, who claimed he had done no more than what any other person in his position would have done in defence of his home and country. The employment of forced laborers was explained away as something beyond the defendant's control in a society where production was ordered by the state and supervised by the SS.

Flick himself maintained he was not a war criminal, but he was found guilty of using slave labor, of spoilation and of supporting the SS through his contributions. After serving two-thirds of his jail term, John McCloy, the U.S. high commissioner in West Germany, released Flick.

By 1963 Feldmuble was again busy producing munitions for West Germany. And Flick, who owned 80% of Feldmuble's stock, was considered one of the country's richest men.

Around that time the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany approached Feldmuble in an effort to seek redress. Feldmuble's representative, Fabian von Schlabrendorff, who had had a reputation as an anti-Nazi, assured the Conference on Jewish Material Claims that Flick was eager to dispose of the problem.

Von Schlabrendorff's optimism was misplaced. Two years elasped without any results. Out of exasperation, the Conference on Jewish Material Claims decided to break off the negotiations, but von Schlabrendorff advised its board to reconsider.

The bureaucratic maneuverings that then ensued could have been taken from the pages of Franz Kafka.

Feldmuble requested additional documentation to prove the connection between Flick's company and his munition plants that employed concentration camp inmates. The data left no room for doubt, but new problems were raised by Feldmuble.

Feldmuble announced that the legal aspects of the case were being studied by Heinrich Kronstein, who would render an expert opinion. Much to Flick's surprise and probable consternation, Kronstein delivered a pronouncement favoring the Conference on Jewish Material Claims. Flick's lawyers objected and asked for a second expert opinion, which Kronstein rendered. It, too, came down on the Jewish side.

Von Schlabrendorff then notified the Conference on Jewish Material Claims that Feldmuble's board would at last consider the case on its own merits.

Feldmuble's board members agreed that a payment was in order. Ferencz quotes von Schlabrendorff and Kronstein as saying that a "settlement was in the bag."

There was only one catch — Feldmuble was short of cash!

Ferencz makes light of this specious claim. Just a few months before, Flick had given one of his sons a cash payment well over the total amount being requested for the thousands of Jewish claimants who had survived work in companies he controlled.

Obviously, Flick never had any intention of paying. He instructed his lawyer, von Brauchitsch, to write a letter to John McCloy, the pertinent passage of which read: "Flick is of the opinion that under no aspect, nor under a moral aspect either, it would be... justifiable for (Feldmuble) or the Flick group to fulfil the demand of the Claims Conference."

Ferencz writes that Flick's letter was full of erroneous arguments and observations. But Flick, brushing aside evidence collected by the Nuremberg trials as "political documents," was unmoved.

The Conference on Jewish Material Claims, in a final attempt to rectify the situation, contacted Rolf Pauls, the West German ambassador to the U.S. who had been his nation's first envoy to Israel.

Pauls produced nothing more than a vague hope that if any former Jewish employee of Flick could prove that he was indigent, Feldmuble might consider the case on an individual basis. The Conference on Jewish Material Claims was not impressed.

Deutsche Bank decided to pay an indemnity

Flick went to his grave, rolling in money, without paying any of his former slave laborers a single penny.

Flick's defiant peroration at Nuremberg — "Nothing will convince us that we are war criminals" — remained his motto to the day he died at his palatial home on Lake Constance.

It was left to the Deutsche Bank, which had purchased Feldmuble from one of Flick's sons, Friedrich Karl, to finally resolve the vexing matter.

Friedrich Karl Flick... the son

Opinion

Using homeland "excuse" to mask other goals

Terrorists seek to prevent peace, Reagan says

By
TRUDE B. FELDMAN

WASHINGTON —

President Reagan rejects the argument that the absence of a Palestinian homeland is the basic cause of the recent terrorist attacks supported by Libya's Muammar Qadaffi.

The President believes that terrorists who attack innocent people the world over use the homeland "excuse" since they don't want peace.

He said there would have to be "great changes" in Qadaffi before the United States would even consider a dialogue with him.

In an exclusive interview — the first since the terrorist acts at the Vienna and Rome airports — the President also made the following points:

- The possibility exists that the Soviet Union could participate in future Mideast peace talks.
- He would like to visit the Middle East before he leaves the presidency.
- The U.S. pledge (in 1975), to refrain from a dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organization until it recognizes Israel's right to exist, is still his policy.
- He would welcome a Sadat-like visit to Jerusalem by another Arab leader.

During the 25-minute one-on-one interview in the White House Oval Office, the President spoke in concerned tones about the threat of international terrorism, the resolve of the U.S. to punish those responsible and the frustrations he feels with the difficulties in deterring terrorism and finding the perpetrators.

He appeared eager to discuss what he describes as the powder keg in the Mideast, one he is anxious to defuse. He stressed that he is now stepping up the search for Arab-Israeli peace, and insisted that his 1982 peace initiative — which calls for a Palestinian entity in association with Jordan — is still on the table, and still worth pursuing.

The President, who was 75 years old on Feb. 6, displayed an intimate and impressive knowledge of the dynamics of the most recent events and of the peace process and its historical background.

He reiterated his commitment to bringing Israel and Jordan to the negotiating table despite the wave of terrorism dominating the Mideast scene. In particular, the President spoke with conviction about his concern for Jordan's King Hussein.

Last Fall, Congress voted to delay action — until March 1 — on the Reagan Administration's proposed $1.9 billion arms sale to Jordan. A resolution was then adopted by both the U.S. House and Senate that unless "direct and meaningful peace negotiations between Jordan and Israel are under way" no sale would proceed before March 1.

In October, the President promised King Hussein that he would do "everything necessary" to ensure that Congress wouldn't block the sale. When asked about that promise, Mr. Reagan answered:

"I still think this is the right thing to do. King Hussein has shown his sincerity and his desire to help bring about peace. And in so doing, he has incurred the enmity of some very hostile and forceful people. Now, at the same time, having endangered himself and his country, he must be able to say, in continuing his efforts for his own people, that he is prepared to protect them."

(Editor's note: But despite the President's commitment to sell arms to Jordan he has decided against bringing up the matter to Congress for the time being — CJN Feb. 13.)

I asked the President if he would consider using his persuasive powers with PLO leader Yasser Arafat to recognize Israel so that negotiations could start between Israel and a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation.

"No, we cannot talk to Mr. Arafat until he makes one change," Reagan asserted. "Sure, I'd like to help. But in this particular case, Mr. Arafat knows what is keeping him from participating in the peace discussions. It's the fact that he refuses to acknowledge the right of Israel to exist as a nation. How can one deal with a person and talk about peace among the nations in his area when he denies Israel the right to even exist . . .?

Asked to define his current policy in the Middle East, the President said: "We're trying to encourage a similar process to the one that took place between Egypt and Israel (when the late President Sadat made his historic journey in 1977 to Jerusalem). We want the parties to the conflict to negotiate a settlement and have confidence so that they can live peacefully together."

For the first time, Mr. Reagan said he does not rule out future participation by the Soviet Union in any peace process. He indicated, however, that the Soviets would — among other things — first have to restore diplomatic relations with Israel as a starter for any participation.

President Reagan and Trude Feldman.

Ronald Reagan has never visited the Middle East, except for a trip to Iran in the 1970s.

"Certainly, I want to visit the countries of the Mideast while I am President of the United States," he told me, "But, I have to, more or less, rely on my advisors to determine my schedule. However, I don't rule out a visit before I leave office . . . ."

Asked if he considers travel to the Mideast dangerous at the present time, he smiled as he said, "Look, I think it's risky for me to go to the corner shop and buy a newspaper. But I'm not going to stop going where I want or need to go."

Concerning risks for ordinary Americans to travel to that area now, he added: "In all fairness, we in government must not hide from the American people the fact that right now the spread of terrorism, and the fact that some of the most maniacal of the terrorists have singled out the United States as a target, that I think all our people must be very careful until we can get a better handle on this terrorism."

Qadaffi has proposed that Mr. Reagan visit him in his Bedouin tent in Libya where the Libyan leader "would prove I'm not a terrorist." Soon after, he described Libya as a "base for the liberation of Palestine" and pledged to train and equip Arab guerrillas for suicide missions.

At the same time, he said if Mr. Reagan would officially invite him to the United States, he would be glad to communicate his views to the President and other officials.

President Reagan, in response to my question as to the possibility of any dialogue with Qadaffi, put it this way: "There would have to be some great changes in him for us to have a dialogue because of his continuing monologue.

"For one thing, this dream he has of an almost world revolution in which they would create a great Islamic state, which he himself indicates could only be done with extensive bloodshed and terrorism and assassinations and so forth — well, that is not a dream. That is a nightmare."

Describing the frustrations of a super power trying to take military action against terrorism, the President reflected: "The frustrations we have with all of the terrorism is how to respond legitimately and without endangering innocent people. To simply respond and commit a terrorist act of our own in response to one, that is not an answer to the problem.

"For example, let's take the two great tragedies in Lebanon — the bombing of our embassy and the Marine headquarters. In both cases, the perpetrators were also destroyed — in suicide missions. So when we think of striking back, we have to think, how can we find who was responsible? Who sent them? Who talked these poor fanatics into giving up their lives in this way with a promise of a quick trip to Paradise?

"And then, when we consider the Vienna and Rome airport attacks — the perpetrators are either dead or wounded and in hospitals and are prisoners now and should be prosecuted."

Reagan continued: "We have sufficient evidence that this group had the backing and support of Qadaffi. But we cannot just strike blindly at the Libyan people. It's a real problem, and we will continue . . . . (to search for solutions . . .)."

After the Dec. 27 Rome and Vienna airport attacks, during which 9 people died — 5 of them Americans — and scores were wounded, the President (on Jan. 7) imposed economic sanctions against Libya including the freezing of Libyan assets in the U.S. In ordering the sanctions, the President charged that Libya is a base for international terrorism, pointing out that Qadaffi had aided and abetted terrorists who attacked the airport passengers.

How can the U.S. stop Qadaffi's attacks and terrorism in general?

"I think (it would help) if more countries would join us in isolating him so that he realizes he is isolated from the world," the President replied. "We have made our beliefs known."

As for how he could persuade our allies to see the dilemma the way the United States sees it, Mr. Reagan remarked: "It should be easy for them to see because they're more a target as to the episodes or the incidents happening in their territory. There have been far fewer such episodes of terrorist bombings and violence in our country.

"I can't help but think when we see — on television — the precautions now taken — men carrying machine guns, submachine guns in the airports to protect innocent people — do they want to go on that way? Is that how they foresee the years ahead — a constant armed guard of that kind every place where innocent people congregate? Or, can we find an answer to isolating and then bringing some reason to this, and ending this terrorist threat?"

Reagan stressed that he is "very proud" of the fact that since "this terrorist war began," the United States has improved its intelligence to such an extent that in coordination with other countries, it has headed off and aborted 126 planned terrorist operations during the past year.

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Most Arab leaders and the Palestine Liberation Organization maintain that the main cause of Middle East violence and terrorism is that many Palestinian people still have no homeland — the West Bank and Gaza, which are now under Israeli occupation.

While President Reagan is concerned about and sympathetic to the need for solutions to the extraordinary complex problem of the Palestinian people, he believes the Palestinian frustrations of not having a homeland is **not** the real reason for terrorism, and that the terrorists have a different agenda from Arab — including Palestinian — moderates.

(A moderate Arab is often described as one who recognizes, even if he doesn't say so publicly, the right of Israel to exist in its pre-1967 borders and one who supports negotiations to give reality to this recognition in exchange for Israel returning to the Arabs the lands occupied in the 1967 war.)

President Reagan told me: "I think any peace negotiation between Israel and the Arabs will have to deal with the problem of the Palestinians, especially those who have become refugees and are without a home."

Then you don't think the lack of a homeland for the Palestinians is the root cause of terrorism?

"No, I don't think so," he concluded. "I think it is giving a great excuse to some of those people who have their own goals, their own aims, and their own targets."

Unexpected and improbable mark daily life in Israel

By
CARL ALPERT

JERUSALEM —

There is no one Israel. The country is a polymorphous, heterogeneous land of diversified peoples who frequently have less rather than more in common with each other, yet they are all Israelis. The clashes and conflicts of many cultures often result in flying sparks. The experiences of daily life run the gamut from humor to tragedy, from absurdity to sophistication in a rough and tumble kaleidoscope of the unexpected and the improbable. Else, how to explain the crazy-quilt pattern of events?

Feminism in reverse: A plan to train newly arrived Ethiopian girls as seamstresses has failed completely. Not one girl turned up at the first class session. It appears that in Ethiopia dressmaking is considered a male occupation, and the girls would have none of it.

Intermarriage opposed: Haifa's Chief Rabbi, Shear-Yashuv Cohen, has been asked to use his influence to prevent a growing trend of intermarriage between Druze boys and Jewish girls. The complaint came from Druze elders, who held this was contrary to Druze tradition. The rabbi promised to help.

Exercise is good for you: Breakdown of the elevators at the Linn Clinic of Kupat Cholim in Haifa made it necessary for mothers bringing infants for examination to climb seven flights by foot. "I came to get an EKG test to determine if I have a heart problem," one man said, "and I'll probably have a heart attack before I finish the last flight."

You don't have to be Jewish: Detention of the Lebanese Sh'ite prisoners in Atlit prison coincided with the Passover holiday, and critics of Israel made much of the fact that during that week the prisoners were given no bread, only matzoh, to eat. It turned out, however, that the prisoners acquired a taste for the Jewish "delicacy" and continued to ask for it long after the holiday.

Fathers and sons: When Israel's minister of labor, Moshe Katzav, paid an official visit to the Marbek industrial plant near Kiryat Malachi, the company watchman who opened the gate for him was his father, Shmuel.

Qualification or embarrassment? The new national prison commissioner is Rafi Suissa. Aside from having been the mayor of Mazkeret Batya, he has previously been in the news as the father of David Suissa, who is at present serving a prison sentence in France for drug offenses.

Kibbutz life: A reader observes with some interest the advertisements appearing in the special supplement of Al Hamishmar, which circulates among the kibbutzim. There are ads for trips to the Far East, South Africa and the U.S.; ads for stereos, videos, sophisticated telephones, satin bridal gowns; ads for purple porno cassettes, which promise "daring" and specific entertainment.

The human spark: Residents of the home for aged in Rishon Lezion were filled with praise for the "wonderful boys" who visited them, cleaned up, painted, repaired, and engaged the old folks in warm and friendly conversation. A similar report was received from the home for retarded children, which was also visited by teams of 10 or 15, composed of hardened criminals and long-timers, sent on their missions of mercy from the local prison.

An Israeli epidemic: Parents in the Gilo suburb of Jerusalem complain that their young children have been doing extremely poorly in the first three years of their schooling. For the past three years each of the main teachers in their school was pregnant, and adequate replacement could not be found. The principal's only hope: a search for middle-aged teachers.

In defence of equal rights: When the ministry of health refused to accept an otherwise qualified male nurse in a course for midwives, feminist member of the Knesset, Ora Namir, sprang to his defence. She maintained that equal rights in employment works both ways.

Arab students: A survey in the Western Galilee, where there is a population of over 150,000 Arabs in 28 towns and villages, showed that 17% of the Arab students there were studying medicine and related professions.

Join the UN and see the world: More than 40 girls from Israel's northern town of Nahariya, which has been a popular hangout for UN troops in Lebanon, have married UN soldiers, attracted in large part by a desire to "see the world." Most of the marriages ended on the rocks, and the girls came back home — alone or with babies.

Opinion

Victim seen as infuriatingly naive

Dreyfus affair had the ingredients of high drama

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Eighty years have elasped since the denouement of the Dreyfus affair, but even today it remains fresh and compelling, fertile ground for historical investigation.

Revolving around Alfred Dreyfus, a timid, unprepossessing French Jewish officer, the affair contained all the necessary ingredients of high drama: treason, duplicity, betrayal, vindication.

When it was all over, 12 years later, the Dreyfus incident, which rocked France to its very foundations, had become a veritable cause celebre, a watershed in French history.

It can be summarized quite briefly.

In October of 1894, Dreyfus — an assimilated bourgeois Jew who was a captain on the general staff of the French army — was accused by his fellow officers of having conveyed a *bordereau*, or memorandum, to the military attache of the German embassy in Paris.

The bordereau, which had been filched from the wastepaper basket of the German attache by a French spy, contained some intelligence on the firing mechanism of France's latest cannon. On the basis of a certain similarity in handwriting, and probably out of anti-semitism, the hapless Dreyfus, 35, was arrested, court-martialed and summarily found guilty of espionage.

On Jan. 5, 1895, Dreyfus, who embodied the virtues and defects of the French middle-class, was publicly demoted in a degrading ceremony in front of troops arrayed on the parade ground of Paris' Ecole Militaire. As he protested his innocence, a mob shouted, "Death! Death to the Jew!"

Dreyfus was exiled to Devil's Island, off the coast of French Guinea, where he lived in misery for four years and three months.

While he languished on Devil's Island, knowing he was innocent, the army's case against Dreyfus unraveled. Germany's ambassador to France declared that his embassy personnel had had no contact whatsoever with Dreyfus. Georges Picquart, the new head of military intelligence, discovered that the bordereau had in fact been written by a dissolute major of Hungarian descent, Ferdinand Walsin Esterhazy, and that Hubert Joseph Henry, his predecessor, had forged documents used to incriminate Dreyfus.

Despite Picquart's evidence, the French general staff refused to accept his dossier. And for all his trouble, Picquart was reassigned, banished to a posting in Africa. But before leaving, he transmitted the facts to his friends, who, in turn, left them at the disposal of Auguste Schuerer-Kestner, a senator. He proclaimed Dreyfus' innocence, and Emile Zola, the novelist, published an open letter in L'Aurore in which he accused the tormentors of Dreyfus of malicious libel.

In 1898, after Esterhazy was tried and acquitted, the minister of war reopened Dreyfus' case, and Henry committed suicide after his forgeries were exposed. In 1899, after Dreyfus returned to France, he was retried by the army. Dreyfus was found guilty of treason and sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment. Amid the furore, the government granted him a pardon, but Dreyfus demanded a new investigation. A civil court examined the data and concluded that the evidence against him was totally unsubstantiated. Dreyfus was officially exonerated in 1906. He died in 1935, a colonel in the reserves.

Since his death, numerous books on this celebrated event have been published. Dreyfus himself contributed several. But Jean-Denis Bredin's magisterial account, *The Affair: The Case of Alfred Dreyfus (George Braziller, $24.95)* may well be the definitive one.

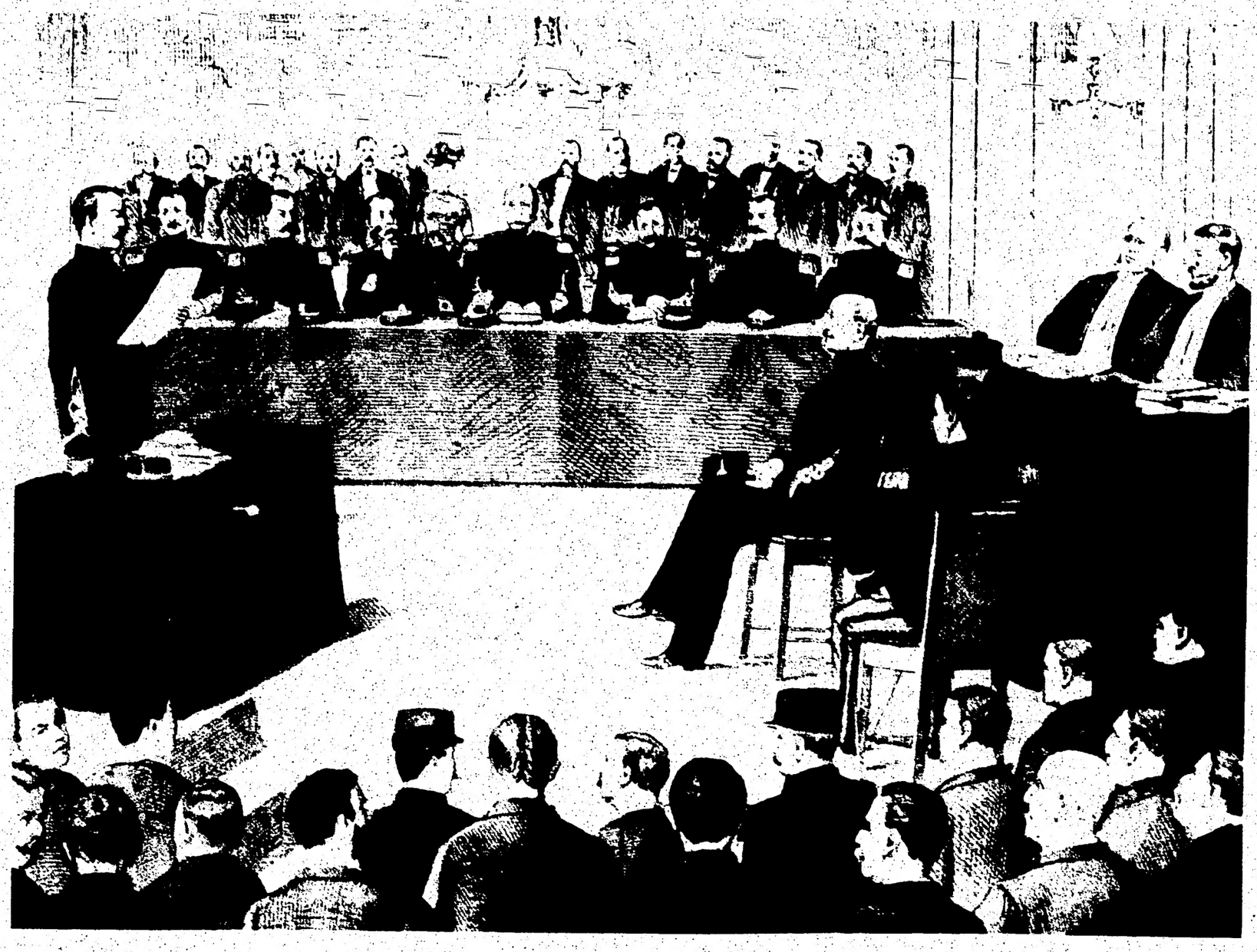
Bredin, a law professor, writes with the precision of a lawyer and the verve of a novelist. He has skillfully assembled the facts, brilliantly scrutinized them and deftly presented his conclusions. In short, his book is a model of historical scholarship.

Bredin's portrait of Dreyfus is empathetic but not particularly sympathetic.

Born in Mulhouse, Alsace, he was the son of a wealthy acculturated family which settled in Paris after the 1870 Franco-Prussian War. He studied at the Ecole Polytechnique and enlisted in the army as an engineer. In 1892, he became a member of the general staff.

Dreyfus was a conventional, narrow, distant man who never questioned the society in which he lived. He was methodical and precise "to the point of mania." He loved uniforms and hierarchies. He cherished his wife and children. He was a patriot par excellence. "What he did not know barely interested him," observes Bredin. And, he adds, he was a "good Frenchman."

A year before he was swept up into the maelstrom, Dreyfus was a happy man. As he put it: "A brilliant and easy career was open to me; my future seemed most auspicious. After a day's work, I returned to the tranquility and charm of family life... our happiness was complete... Everything in life seemed to smile at me."



Alfred Dreyfus' second trial in 1899. The Dreyfus affair rocked France to its very foundations.

Dreyfus could not have known that his life would soon be wrecked. But once the affair erupted volcanically, he was infuriatingly naive. Bredin claims he did not really believe that his Jewishness had been an important factor in his conviction. Throughout the long night of his suffering, Dreyfus was silent on his Jewishness. In his entire correspondence with his beloved wife, Lucie, "there is not a single mention of the Jews, nor is the drama in which he was caught up ever attributed to the fact that he was Jewish."

Bredin suggests that Dreyfus had no reason to be so myopic. Anti-semitism was deeply entrenched in the French army, and Bredin believes that his religion "somewhat impeded his professional advancement."

In 1892, Edouard Drumont, a leading anti-semitic agitator who would figure prominently in the Dreyfus affair, launched a campaign against the presence of Jewish officers in the army. Drumont, the publisher of La Libre Parole, conducted his calumny as duels were regularly being fought between Jewish and anti-semitic Christian officers.

Drumont was no casual anti-semite. In 1886, he published his infamous polemic, *La France Juive*. Given the temper of the times, sales were extremely brisk. Encouraged by its success, he founded the Ligue Nationale Anti-Semite.

Drumont's anti-semitism could be farcical. In La France Juive, he wrote that a Jew could be detected at once by his appearance: "The principal signs by which a Jew may be recognized are thus: the famous hooked nose, frequently blinking eyes, teeth tightly together, ears sticking out, fingernails that are square rather than almond-shaped, a torso too long, flat feet, rounded knees, extraordinarily protruding ankles, the limp and melting hand of a hypocrite and traitor. They frequently have one arm longer than the other."

As ridiculous as this description is, one must bear in mind that countless Frenchmen believed it. Anti-semitism was no minor phenemonon in France, the revolution of 1789 notwithstanding. And its strongest proponents were in the army and in the Catholic church and among the traditional bourgeoise and the urban proletariat.

The Dreyfus affair was far bigger than the man himself. To his supporters, Dreyfus became a symbol of the struggle against reactionary institutions, hierarchy, military authority and the church. To his detractors, Dreyfus symbolized everything that was bad about France: Jews, socialists, Protestants, liberal priests, emancipated women, striking workers.

The Dreyfusards tended to be Republicans, anti-militarist, anti-clerical, Freemasons, frequently Protestants, and what Bredin calls "the marginal elements in every social group: all those who felt rejected and excluded by 'traditional France,' all those who dreamed of the advent of a free and just society." The anti-Dreyfusards included monarchists, the large majority of military personnel, most priests and a near totality of their congregants. Nationalism and anti-semitism were the forces which united them into one block.

Clearly, the anti-semitism spawned by the Dreyfus affair was awesome and fearsome. In cities like Nantes, Nancy, Rennes, Bordeaux, Montpellier, Tours and Toulouse, anti-Jewish mobs rampaged through the streets, smashing Jewish storefronts and attacking the homes of Jews. At its peak, in 1898, barely a day passed without an anti-semitic demonstration erupting in the French colony of Algeria, a hotbed of anti-Jewish feeling.

Such was the general atmosphere that Maurice Barres, an anti-semitic ideologue, could say without impunity that Dreyfus was not a true Frenchman, but "an uprooted plant who feels ill at ease in our French garden." He would go further by asserting that Dreyfus was "the representative of a different species..." Thus racial anti-semitism fused with social and religious anti-semitism.

In the face of this blatant anti-semitism, the Jewish community of France was generally silent. Charles Peguy, a noted Dreyfusard, noted that Jews "were afraid of the blows. They had received so many. They would rather one didn't talk to them about him (Dreyfus)." Leon Blum, who would become the first Jewish prime minister of France, lamented: "The French Jews abandoned the cause... A great misfortune has befallen Israel."

Bredin says that, with one exception, there was not a single Jewish movement of active resistance to anti-semitism throughout the affair. The Jews, he explains, sought refuge in the France of 1789, the France that had given them citizenship, emancipation and equality.

The Dreyfus affair, Bredin writes, was in all respects an upheaval. It strengthened French parliamentary democracy, ensured the defeat of the forces of reaction (at least until the Nazi conquest in 1940), ruined the hope for a restoration of the old order, the ancien regime, and weakened proletariat anti-semitism.

And what effect did it have on Jews? Theodor Herzl, the assimilated Viennese journalist, was converted to Zionism by it. He, in turn, founded a movement that would change the face of the Middle East. But the Jewish bourgeosie, however vilified by the right, roundly rejected Herzl's ideas and continued its assimilation into French society.

And what of Alfred Dreyfus himself? As Bredin observes, his life ended as it began, amid the peaceful intimacy of middle-class order. In unassuming words, he summarized himself: "I was only an artillery officer whom a tragic error prevented from following his course."

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J'Accuse...!

LETTRE AU PRÉSIDENT DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE

Par ÉMILE ZOLA

LETTRE
A M. FÉLIX FAURE

Emile Zola's open letter J'Accuse!, published on Jan. 13, 1898 proclaims Dreyfus' innocence.

Opinion

Anti-semitism in Toronto led to 1933 riot

By
ARNOLD AGES

Two sociologists at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ont. have documented the scope of anti-semitic discrimination and violence in Toronto in 1933.

Cyril Levitt and William Shaffir, writing in the Journal of the Canadian Jewish Historical Society (Spring 1985), report that in August of 1933 a riot broke out in Christie Pits which involved several hundred Jewish youth battling an equal number of Gentiles bearing swastika-emblazoned shirts.

The riot was precipitated by a softball game between Harbord Playground and St. Peter's. But the authors suggest that the origins of the riot, perhaps the most violent in the history of modern Toronto, were directly traceable to the pervasive atmosphere of anti-semitism in the Ontario capital.

Levitt and Shaffir suggest that the Christie Pits disturbance of 1933 give the lie to the myth that Canadian society, unlike its American counterpart, "has avoided this extreme of ethnic relationships."

In documenting their study of the riot and the situation of Jews in Toronto in the 1930s, researchers Levitt and Shaffir consulted relevant issues of the daily press and scrutinized Jewish publications.

They also attempted to interview participants in the riot but this was somewhat difficult because of the historical remove from the event.

"We can arrive at an understanding of the Christie Pits riot only by placing the event within its relevant social context," say Levitt and Shaffir.

That social context included systematic anti-Jewish prejudice which expressed itself in barring Jews from certain occupations.

In their interviews with respondents, a picture of an isolated Jewish community emerges — a community which risked physical violence once its members left the home turf.

Respondents offered as irrefutable evidence of anti-semitic discrimination questionnaires asking for religious affiliation and signs on public institutions prohibiting Jews.

The Levitt-Shaffir study shows that in 1933 there was a quantum leap in anti-Jewish activities with the sudden appearance of swastika clubs in Toronto.

Whether the clubs were Nazi-sponsored or Nazi-inspired, they were perceived by Jews to be instruments of the new German anti-semitism.

Coincident with the appearance of this provocative symbol as part of the paraphernalia of a local gang, a series of anti-semitic incidents began to occur in the Beaches area of the city.

The Beaches was a favorite picnic and swimming area for Toronto's Jewish community even though it was considerably east of the Jewish neighborhoods.

In 1933 the parks department of the City of Toronto received an unsigned letter complaining about behavior of Jews in the Beaches and deploring the unavailability of space for Gentiles. The writer suggested a Gentiles Only section be cordoned off.

"Some people took much stronger and provocative action. They painted a sign with a swastika and the words "Heil Hitler," in front of the Balmy Beach Canoe clubhouse and posted an open letter to the residents of the Beaches on its bulletin board."

The message announced the formation of a swastika club and the intention of its members to appear on the beaches, boardwalks and in Kew Gardens "wearing a nickel-plated badge with a scarlet swastika thereon."

On Aug. 2, 1933 200 members of the newly-formed swastika club marched from its clubhouse to Woodbine Ave. singing, to the tune of Home, Home on the Range, the following song:

"Oh, give me a home, where the Gentiles may roam / Where the Jews are not rampant all day / Where seldom is heard, a loud Yiddish word / And the Gentiles are free all the day."

The emergence of the swastika as a prominent symbol enraged the local Jewish community which saw its use as an attempt to import Hitlerism into Toronto.

On the Beaches there was little opportunity for violent encounter between Jews and anti-semitic toughs — in part because of the distance between the area of Jewish residence and the swim facilities.

Christie Pits however, was on the edge of the Jewish ghetto which at that time was moving northward. "The action of the Pit gang can be understood as a defensive response to a perceived threat to their territory by upwardly mobile foreigners."

Two days before the riot occurred the Harbord Playground team had been abused by swastika-waving gangs. On Wednesday evening a large contingent of Jewish youths appeared at the Pits because of rumors about impending violence.

The riot was triggered after the conclusion of the Harbord-St. Peter's game (St. Peter's won) when a group unfurled a large swastika banner.

"Immediately, 100 to 200 Jewish youths, amid cries of 'the swastika, the swastika' charged across the flat towards those displaying the banner.

"Broomhandles, clubs and sawed-off pipes were used as weapons and many were injured on both sides. Ultimately, the Jewish boys captured the swastika banner and tore it to shreds, but the fighting continued long after this 'triumph.' "

Lavitt and Shaffir report that the fighting began at about 7.30 p.m. but it went on for hours as reinforcements arrived from both sides. Sporadic fighting continued until 2 a.m. and for the next several days there was tension within the Jewish community. Patrols were set up to protect Jewish citizens from the anticipated attacks by Pits gangs.

The authors state in their conclusion that understanding the various stages which went into the Christie Pits riot of 1933 is important today because it may help defuse dangerous inter-ethnic tensions which threaten to erupt in the modern context.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: This space is usually occupied by J. B. Salsberg but JB is, as far as we know, still in Florida (as reported last week) and has probably been too busy to phone in his column. We hope to hear from him in time for the next issue of The CJN.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address and handwritten signature.

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POPE'S ISRAELI DILEMMA

Your Dec. 5 issue carried an article entitled: "Jewish-Catholic ties improve."

The following week, Dec. 12, you attacked the Vatican for not having recognized Israel in an editorial entitled "Same rationale."

The editorial contained such sentences as "We understand the Vatican's preference for self-interest *over morality where Jews are* concerned" (italics mine), and "The Vatican feels that it must be indulgent towards Arab thuggery (welcoming Yasser Arafat, for example) because of the fragile and vulnerable position which Catholics occupy in Arab-Muslim lands."

Your accusations of Vatican Machiavellianism seem straight out of that anti-historical, anti-papal theatrical diatribe *The Deputy* of the early 60s, where the author, Rolf Hochhuth, had Pope Piux XII count his money bags and play his fiddle while Jews burned and Europe convulsed.

It's unworthy of your paper.

May I suggest that Rome's dilemma is not lack of sympathy for Jewry, but theology.

Aside even of the geographical and historical circumstances of claims and rights to the Holy Land by various groups, the quandary concerns the head of Christianity — a spiritual power who has his own symbolic 108 acres of temporal independence — dealing with another religion which has, yet has not, acquired a religious, yet secular state, which speaks, yet does not speak, for worldwide Jewry.

The question is: What is Rome, a spiritual power, recognizing if it were to recognize Israel?

Even you will agree that neither the Vatican nor Israel are just other Belgiums or Costa Ricas. In recognizing Belgium, the Vatican recognizes a secular state. But is Israel an ordinary secular state?

Father Alphonse de Valk
St. Michael's College School
Toronto

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SAYS WE'RE TOO POLITE

Perhaps we Jews are too polite.

Even a brief glance at the history of the Jews in the Ukraine will tell anyone interested that anti-semitism has been part of Ukrainian "folk culture" for several centuries.

And is it a coincidence that an MLA of Ukrainian descent stood in the Alberta legislature during the Keegstra trial period and denied the very truth of the Holocaust?

Today Ukrainians in Canada deny that their fellow Ukrainians participated in World War II atrocities against the Jews and even deny anti-Jewish acts back in Cossack times.

Surely we need not be that polite and civilized to turn our backs on the truth that a certain number of Ukrainians were and still are anti-semites.

Ray Havelock
Toronto

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Mustard tycoon Pauline Grafstein Wayne . . . A reader was so enthusiastic about her Honey-cup Mustard, he wants her to market her father's helzel.

HELZEL WITH MUSTARD?

Frank Rasky's recent article on me headed "Wayne's mustard takes off" was delightful. It garnered a great deal of warm response from both friends and strangers.

My very first phone call was from a charming gentleman who wanted me to market my father's "helzel." Maybe Perl's or Stroli's might think about it.

Please thank Mr. Rasky for his sensitivity and professionalism.

Pauline Grafstein Wayne
Toronto

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A CARROT BAND AID?

Re your Feb. 6 article headed "Seniors side with govt. against extra billing" and subheaded "The doctors are talking very foolish":

I refer in particular to the remarks by Jack Lutsky, vice-president of the Association of Jewish Seniors, who said, "I think that doctors will never go on strike."

I suggest that Mr. Lutsky's comment reflects some degree of patient-doctor trust. Everyone needs doctors and doctors, too, are only human.

Media sensationalism and lack of focus on the basic issues encourage one to lose sight of the many Ontario Medical Association physicians who have contributed to all patients' health and longevity via innovative treatment, research, care and commitment.

There are OMA specialists and general practitioners who do take patients' personal circumstances into consideration.

Also, OMA has committed itself to ensuring that its members must not extra-bill seniors and the disadvantaged.

Generally, patients now have a choice of seeing doctors who are either in or out of OHIP. However, under the proposed legislation, seniors' current concerns regarding pharmacists' services (same article), as well as treatment options, may well become the concerns of all patients.

Many fine Jewish physicians are caught in the current controversy. Additionally, Bill 94 currently does not bring glad tidings of great joy to all. It may well be a band aid disguised as a carrot.

We love our seniors and commend their many achievements. But let's get the bill "on hold" and harness everyone's energy to the task of providing better health care measures.

Helen Klingman Cait
Toronto

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REPORTER AIDS PSYCHOLOGIST

I would like to commend The Canadian Jewish News for having reporter Paul Lungen on staff.

I first met Lungen while he was covering the Keegstra trial in Red Deer, Alta., where I was formerly employed as a psychologist with Alberta Mental Health Services. Subsequetly Lungen has written several articles for The CJN about me and my struggle and dispute with the Alberta government over an alleged unjust dismissal on their part.

Having read the first article thoroughly and having had the second read to me over the phone, I wish to state how comprehensive, accurate, and well-balanced Lungen's articles have been. In addition, they are both highly readable.

I think it is important to commend a person in the public eye who does an outstanding job, since people are always ready to criticize a poor job.

It is especially important to recognize the positive achievements of the media since it is the media which often serve as de facto political opposition in areas such as Alberta, where official opposition in legislature is minimal.

Dr. Robert Haymond
Edmonton

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TEACHERS EARNING $37,000?

We read with interest Janice Arnold's article in the Montreal Dec. 19 issue of The CJN concerning the report on community funding for Jewish day schools. The article raises a most important issue with relevance for all members of the Jewish community.

However, we must call in question the statistic quoted regarding "the average teacher's salary" as being "now about $37,000."

We mention this, as to our knowledge, fewer than 3% of the teachers in the Jewish day schools earn this type of money.

Since this $37,000 figure is far in excess of the "average teacher's salary" in any of the Jewish day schools in Montreal, we would appreciate some clarification as to the source of this statistic.

M. Fewkes
President, Federation of Jewish Teachers
Montreal

Janice Arnold replies:

A clarification is in order. As should be clear, the article is on the Report on Community Funding for Jewish Day Schools, prepared by the Association of Jewish Day Schools and published in November.

On page 5, under the section headed Financial Situation of Schools, the report states: "In the last few years, the (Quebec government) grant increases have not exceeded 1 to 2% *per annum, while the costs (of the schools) have steadily risen by at least 6% per annum (teachers salaries alone increased by 5%).*

The asterisk directs the reader to the following statements: "While $27,000 is the average salary for teachers in the United States, in Quebec the average teacher's salary is approximately $37,000."

According to AJDS director Monette Malewski, unionized teachers in the Jewish day schools have wage parity with those in the public sector; however, the Jewish school teachers put in more hours per week.

Teachers in non-unionized Jewish day schools are being paid 55-85% of scale, according to Morton Weinfeld's study, The System of Jewish Education in Montreal, commissioned by the Jewish Education Council of Montreal and also published in November.

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HATS OFF TO WIG STORY

We, at Fashion Wigs, would like to thank Carolyn Blackman for her recent article entitled "Women adding wigs to their fashion wardrobe."

Many readers have agreed with us that her article was well-written and informative.

Ms. Blackman clearly explained how wigs and hair extensions have become the trendiest fashion accessory for today's modern woman.

Georgina Grunberger
Toronto

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LAUDS INTERFAITH STORY

Re your recent article about me, headed "Rosenberg urges genuine interfaith dialogue":

I am writing to express my gratitude to you for running Cynthia Gasner's exceptionally fine interview.

She handles a difficult, sensitive subject very adroitly, and I would ask you to convey my appreciation.

Dr. Stuart E. Rosenberg
Toronto

World-National

Agricultural exports compete with those of Spain and Portugal

Jerusalem sees progress in trade talks with EEC

BRUSSELS (JTA) — Israel and the European Economic Community (EEC) have ended the first part of what promises to be prolonged negotiations aimed at adjusting their 1975 trade accord to accommodate the entry of Spain and Portugal into the Common Market, both exporters of agricultural products that compete with Israel's exports to the continent.

"Although they have not been conclusive, we have made progress," an Israeli embassy official told the Jewish Teleraphic Agency. He was speaking of the first round of meetings here between the EEC executive commission and an Israeli delegation, headed by Yossef Hadass, Israel's ambassador to Belgium and to the EEC.

The official said Israel welcomed, with reservations, some of the EEC's proposals. One is the progressive dismantling, over a 10-year period, of all remaining tariffs on agricultural exports from non-EEC Mediterranean countries. This would parallel the elimination of tariffs on such exports from Spain and Portugal, which joined the Common Market on Jan. 1.

Another suggestion is to reduce, by 1991, what are called the import reference prices for five sensitive products, including oranges, if export conditions deteriorate.

Israel has expressed fear that such a move would introduce an element of insecurity for the producers and the European importers of those products. Israel also complained that the export quotas proposed by the EEC were based on a 10 member-state Economic Community whereas there are now 12 member-states.

Israel is asking the commission, in addition to eliminating tariffs on raw materials and finished goods, to take up the problem of quotas on fresh cut flowers, an important Israeli export to the Common Market countries.

The Israeli official noted that the European Community is Israel's main trading partner. It absorbed Israeli exports amounting to $1.9 billion in 1985.

The EEC is also negotiating with other Mediterranean countries, including Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia. These must be concluded before the EEC "gives a technical response to our demands," the official said.

The Name Game

There's a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origin over the past few years.

In a series of articles Mr. Catzman reports on his research. If you have any information relating to the origin and meaning of your surname, please pass it along to Fred M. Catzman, c/o The Canadian Jewish News, 562 Eglinton Ave. E., Toronto M4P 1P1.

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LAUFER — SPRINGER

For recreational activity and intellectual stimulation the sharp-minded members of the Jewish community played chess (schach in German).

The pieces on the chessboard were

Koenig — king
Koenigin — queen
Laufer — bishop
Springer and Ritter — knight
Thurm — rook or castle
Bauer — pawn

Laufer literally means runner. It is a fair inference, however, that Jews were more likely to be chess players rather than marathoners.

A possible exception may be the ancestor of Sammy Luftspring, whose middleweight boxing championship won him a place in the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame. Luftspring means air-jump and while Sammy's forebear was undoubtedly not a parachutist, he may have been a high-flying pole vaulter.

Astronaut memorial at rehab complex

NEW YORK (JTA) — A memorial will be established in honor of Judith Resnik and her fellow Challenger astronauts at the Beit Halochem Center in Jerusalem, it was announced by Ernest Zelig, president of the Bnai Zion Foundation.

The memorial will consist of a physiotherapy room that will become an integral part of the rehabilitation complex. Beit Halochem centers provide comprehensive services to over 35,000 disabled Israeli war veterans.

"An ad hoc committee of prominent Americans is being formed to implement the establishment of the memorial," Zelig stated.

Bnai Zion believes that the efforts of the disabled to rise above their physical limitations to lead, once more, as normal a life as possible, should serve as a fitting memorial to the spirit of the astronauts.

Congress sets deadline for officer nominations

MONTREAL — **Canadian Jewish Congress has announced that nominations for elections of national officers at the upcoming Plenary Assembly must be received by the nominations committee on or before April 11.**

Positions that will be filled include those of president, chairman of the national executive, associate chairman of the national executive, treasurer, secretary and honorary counsel, according to Monroe Abbey, chairman of the national nominations committee of CJC.

For a nomination to be considered it must:

- be in writing;
- be signed by five CJC members;
- contain the name and address of the nominee and the office sought;
- be signed by the nominee indicating acceptance of the nomination;
- include a curriculum vitae (less than 100 words) of the nominee;
- be accompanied by a certificate from the appropriate body of the local campaign where the nominee resides as to the nominee's eligibility, pursuant to CJC bylaws.

Deadline for the submission of resolutions to be considered at the Plenary Assembly has been set at March 14, according to Gary Waxman, chairman of the national resolutions committee of Congress.

Resolutions must first be considered and approved as to form and relevance by the resolutions committee, Waxman stated in a release. They must be submitted with the name and address of the originator and be typed.

Resolutions adopted at the Plenary affect the course of Congress action and policy for the following three years, he stated.

Nominations for national officer positions should be forwarded to: Monroe Abbey, chairman of the Nominations Committee, Canadian Jewish Congress 21st Plenary, 1590 avenue Docteur Penfield, Montreal, Que. H3G 1C5.

Proposed resolutions should be sent to: Gary Waxman, Resolutions Committee Chairman, Canadian Jewish Congress, 1590 avenue Docteur Penfield, Montreal, Que. H3G 1C5.

The 21st Plenary Assembly will be held May 7-11 in Toronto, with 1,500 delegates expected to attend.

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SCHARANSKY FOREST OF HOPE

Anatoly Scharansky after nearly 12 years in Soviet prisons and labour camps is finally free.

The Jewish National Fund of Canada in association with Keren Kayemeth L'Israel has established a SOVIET JEWRY FOREST OF HOPE to rejoice, commemorate and honour two courageous fighters for freedom — ANATOLY AND AVITAL SCHARANSKY.

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND OF CANADA
הרן הימת לישראל

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Labor, Likud differ on next move

Split appears on Israel economy

JERUSALEM (JTA) — With Israel's wild inflation seeming to be under control, there is good news and there is bad news.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres, in reaction to the low inflation figures, has affirmed that economic stability has been attained — and says that now is the moment to move towards growth.

But Finance Minister Yitzhak Modai (of the Likud) brings the bad news. He says that to the contrary, many more months of ongoing economic restraint are still required if the government's austerity program, launched last August, was to be a lasting success. (In January, inflation was almost at a standstill).

This stark divergence between the two main economic policymakers echoes, with added resonance, an indirect clash between them that had taken place last week.

Peres, in a speech, made a powerful call for economic growth policies now while Modai, in a separate appearance, warned that "if the (money) presses start rolling again — I shall quit."

Modai's aides sought to take the edge off their minister's threat. But it was clear that a major dispute between the two men had come to the surface.

Within the Labor Party, meanwhile, there has been allegations — voiced with increasing stridency in the past week — that Modai and the Likud are deliberately keeping the lid on the economy squeezed tight — so as to ease restrictions dramatically once the rotation has taken place in October, and a Likud leader (Yitzhak Shamir) is back in the Prime Minister's office.

Some Laborites assert, too, that the finance minister has been quietly saving government funds so as to be able to pour them into West Bank settlements once Shamir is back in charge.

Exacerbating the standoff between the two main parties in the unity government is that dual turnabout in world economic trends that have both aided Israel's economy: The fall in oil prices, and the fall in the dollar relative to European currencies (a large share of Israeli exports go to Europe.)

Laborites charge that the Likud is scheming to reap the benefit of the internal austerity program, and of the external factors, after the rotation.

Likud sources countercharge that Peres and the Labor ministers want to ease the national spending freeze now so as to be able to pour funds into ailing Histadrut concerns, such as the Solel Boneh building company, the Kupat Holim sick fund and the moshavim.

The media at week's end were headlining this growing tension between Labor and Likud, with some pundits regarding it as perhaps Peres' last chance to wriggle out of the rotation by quitting the unity government over an issue of principle.

But well-placed sources close to the Premier told JTA that in all frankness they could not envisage the unity government collapsing over economic policy — since Peres himself has been closely identified with that policy throughout.

These sources thus played down the welling dissent within the party, on social grounds, over the state budget (CJN Feb. 13). The party, they said, could hardly rebel against Modai's budget when Peres' personal involvement in shaping it had been so deep and intense.

The Labor attack on the state budget for 1986-87 is being led by the secretary-general of the Histadrut, Yisrael Kessar.

Modai, in a speech in Tel Aviv to the Association of Chambers of Commerce, warned that "we cannot help failing enterprises. The Labor Alignment wants to waste the meagre resources we have to increase the expenditures of the education, health, agriculture and defence ministries (all run by Labor ministers)."

Peres, addressing a party meeting in Haifa, spoke of his plans to divert $500 million "saved by the government" towards aiding viable industries that were suffering difficulties.

In an earlier speech at the Weizmann Institute, the Premier said that part of the funds to be diverted to growth would go to the universities and research institutes.

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Poster relates plight of Jews

MONTREAL — A dramatic art poster by American artist Selma Hurwitz relating the plight of Soviet Jewry to the Passover theme has been commissioned by the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry.

The poster, a reproduction of Hurwitz's work Who is the Lord that I Should Listen to his Voice? (Exodus 5:2), will be used by the CCSJ in its campaign to draw attention to the situation of Soviet Jewry.

Conservative member of Parliament David Kilgour, chairman of the Canadian Parliamentary Group for Soviet Jewry, was presented with a signed copy of the work by Hurwitz at a reception held recently at Canadian Jewish Congress.

Hurwitz, of Potomac, Md., calls her style the "art of Hadbakah" from the Hebrew "to adhere." Her works depict the adherence of the Jewish people to their heritage. Biblical themes are shown to be relevant to contemporary issues.

In the Exodus work, Hurwitz depicts the plight of Soviet Jewry in the context of the story of Passover. "As the Egyptian Pharaoh refused to set the people of Israel free, so the rulers of the Soviet Union hold them prisoner today," says Hurwitz.

In her interpretation, Hurwitz portrays individuals, "each with his or her own feelings of misery, frustration, anger and pain, striving to recover suppressed freedom, merging into a river of humanity, walled in by the borders of the Soviet Union and blocked by the hands of its inhuman rulers."

Hurwitz was the first American artist to have a work hang in the Knesset (Thy Builders have Perfected thy Beauty.) Other works can be found in the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial in Jerusalem, and in both a synagogue and Presbyterian church in Maryland.

During the 1976 Summer Olympics in Montreal, her Memorial to the Munich Eleven was displayed at the Saidye Bronfman Centre. That work is now owned by the Joseph P. Kennedy Foundation for Special Olympics in Washington.

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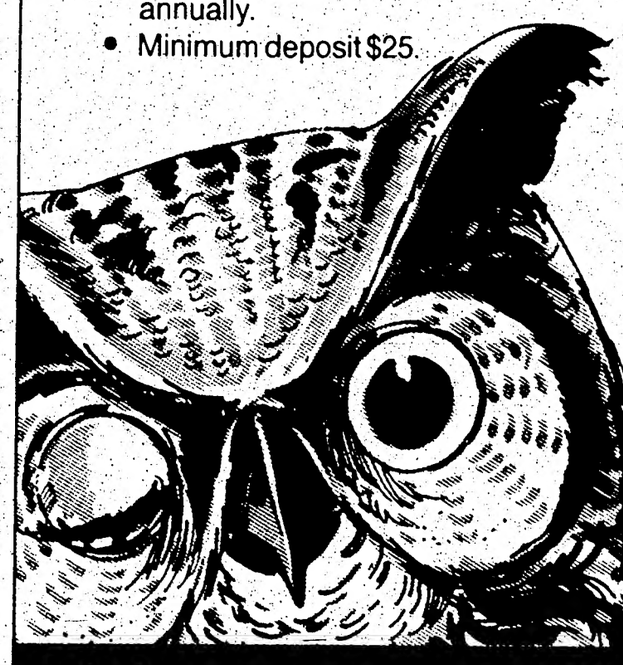

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"It is only the beginning," says Avital

Scharansky receives joyous welcome in Israel

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law. "For instance, when they took away this little book of psalms, claiming I was not allowed to have religious books, I began a hunger strike. And (as punishment) for that they put me in solitary for 130 days. After 82 days I collapsed."

Recalling his years in prison and labor camps, Scharansky said, "Many times in my dreams I would see how I arrived in our land and how Avital greeted me. Each time it ended the same way: I woke up. Now, too, though this dream is lasting for three whole days, since they took me from the KGB prison in Moscow, I am afraid to wake up."

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Scharansky arrived in Israel to a jubilant and joyful, tearful welcome.

Premier Shimon Peres, who warmly embraced the Soviet Jewish dissident and aliya activist, declared: "It is a moving moment for the whole of the Jewish people, may I say for everybody in the world who loves freedom and who hopes that freedom will prevail."

Scharansky flew to Israel from Frankfurt, West Germany, in the same private executive jet that took his wife to Frankfurt for their reunion. He was freed in West Berlin as part of an East-West prisoner exchange.

The throngs that came to greet him, many in chartered buses from all parts of Israel, remained behind barriers during the official ceremonies. Scharansky was embraced by Peres, by Foreign Minister and Deputy Premier Yitzhak Shamir, Absorption Minister Yaacov Tsur, other dignitaries and rabbis who had helped and befriended Avital Scharansky in her long struggle to gain her husband's freedom.

Peres gave his welcoming speech, first in Hebrew, then in English, in the airport's VIP lounge. "It is a very unique moment in the experiences and feelings of our people," he said.

"I do believe that the hearts of all Jewish people beat today as though it were the very same heart. Anatoly Scharansky, who has already adopted the Hebrew name, Natan, has fought heroically alone, under tremendous pressure, against so many difficult odds, as a proud Jew, as a freedom-loving person, as a man with a mission, as a devoted Zionist and taught that you can arrest a body, but you cannot imprison a spirit."

Greetings were also extended by Shamir.

Scharansky responded in fluent but hesitant Hebrew, a language he had taught himself. He spoke briefly of his difficult years in prison, buoyed by the hope that one day he would reach Israel. He arrived and remained bareheaded throughout the proceedings. His wife's head was covered by a scarf, which is traditional among Orthodox Jewish women.

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Peres telephoned President Ronald Reagan from the airport to say "Thank you, in the name of the people and government of Israel, for your concern and your efforts that brought this very special man here, to his homeland, after 12 years in prison."

Peres told the President that the freeing of Scharansky was a great vitory for the human spirit and for freedom-loving people.

When Peres passed the phone to Scharansky, he said: "Dear Mr President, I am under strong stress now, sitting between our Prime Minister and my Avital. That's why don't be surprised if my speech will not be smooth. But there are some things which I feel obliged to tell you.

"First of all, I know how great was your role in this greatest event of my and my wife's life. . . . The fact that I could join my people today in Israel. And, of course we are both very deeply grateful to you for this. Secondly, as you know very well, I was never an American spy. But I had wide contacts with many American politicians, journalists, lawyers and other public figures as a spokesman of the Jewish national movement and the Helsinki (Watch) group movement.

"And that's why I know very well how deeply is the concern of all your people and with the problems of human rights all over the world. I know that a great role is played by your country in these problems. And I want to ask you to inform all your people about our deepest gratitude to these people and this country for everything they do for the human rights in the world and for Jews who want to emigrate from Russia to Israel in particular. Thank you very much."

Avital Scharansky was given the phone. She appeared shy, somewhat embarrassed by the emotional outburst that greeted her husband and herself. She told Reagan only: "I just wanted to say thank you."

The President replied, "I wish you mazel tov with all my heart." He promised he would continue his efforts to release other Prisoners of Conscience.

The couple was driven from the airport directly to the Western Wall in Jerusalem.

Soon after he arrived in Jerusalem, Scharansky stood on Mt. Scopus for a few moments and contemplated the twinkling lights of Jerusalem, rising and falling among the hills and valleys that are the geography of this city he had never seen before but knew intimately from descriptions in the letters Avital sent him during his years in Soviet prisons and labor camps.

His thoughts during these moments are not known. But he may well have recalled the day in 1978 when he heard a Soviet court sentence him to 13 years imprisonment — allegedly for spying for the U.S. — and responded aloud, "Now, more than ever, I tell my Avital and my people: 'Next year in Jerusalem.'"

At the Western Wall, religious enthusiasts threw a talit (prayer shawl) around Scharansky's shoulders and placed a white knitted skullcap on his head. Scharansky kissed the cold stones of the wall three times and recited psalms. His wife prayed at the Ezrat Nashim, the section reserved for women.

There was dancing and singing and the blowing of the horns, as if at a Purim celebration.

It was only after midnight that he and Avital were taken to the small flat provided for them by the immigration ministry in the Kiryat Moshe quarter of Jerusalem.

A wellwisher called after the couple, "Finally the end of the road."

Avital turned and replied, "No, it is only the beginning."

The first step to freedom — Anatoly Scharansky crosses the border between East and West Germany to be greeted by U.S. Ambassador Richard Burt. [Canapress photo]

Soviets reportedly agree to let 25 Refuseniks go

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Ethiopian Jews airlifted to Israel more than a year ago, Lewinsky said there are presently about 8,000 Jews left in Ethiopia. He said their situation has worsened since the airlift because they have been subjected to all manners of maltreatment.

Lewinsky also said, in reply to a question, that he expects more than 1,000 new immigrants from South Africa in the coming year. He noted that last year only 300 South African Jews immigrated to Israel. He did not say on what he based his prediction for this year.

Lewinsky's press conference was called to announce the meeting of the Jewish Agency's board of governors, which was held in New York Feb. 18-19 with the participation of some 200 prominent Jewish leaders from all over the world, including a delegation of 22 from Israel.

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WASHINGTON (JTA) — The state department has welcomed a reported Soviet agreement to grant exit visas to 25 Refuseniks, but stressed that there are many thousands more still seeking to leave the USSR.

Soviet authorities informed Sen. Edward Kennedy, who was in Moscow recently, that 25 Refuseniks appearing on a list the senator had submitted were being permitted to emigrate. Six of them have already left.

"While we welcome the apparent resolution of these individuals cases, we note that the overall level of Jewish emigration remains extremely low," state department deputy spokesman Charles Redman said in response to a reporter's question.

Redman noted that three of the Refusenik families being allowed to leave have been seeking to immigrate to Israel for more than 10 years. The families include those of Lov Goldfarb, who first applied for an exist visa in 1975, and Grigory and Isai Goldstein, brothers who have sought to leave since 1971.

Redman stressed that despite satisfaction over the apparent granting of visas for the 25, this did not mark an overall change in Soviet emigration policy. He observed that the Soviets "continue to deny exist permission to thousands of Jews who have applied to leave," and that there were "thousands more who wish to leave and are afraid to apply" for fear of "social ostracism and the loss of their jobs."

"We call on the Soviet authorities to grant exit permission to all Soviet Jews who wish to emigrate," Redman said.

Dulzin calls for increased efforts

NEW YORK (JTA) — Leon Dulzin, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive and chairman of the presidium of the World Council on Soviet Jewry, called last week for "intensifying" the struggle and campaign on behalf of Soviet Jewry.

Addressing a special meeting of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, in celebration of the release of Anatoly Scharansky, Dulzin said that "the lesson" of Scharaansky's release is that "we should never give up our struggle and efforts" to release the other Prisoners of Zion in the Soviet Union and help all other Soviet Jews who want to immigrate to Israel to do so.

Expressing "gratitude" to President Reagan and Secretary of State George Shultz for the role they played in bringing about Scharansky's freedom, Dulzin said that Scharansky is a "symbol" of Soviet Jewry as a whole in its continued fight for human rights and emigration.

Morris Abram, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, who also addressed the meeting, said that Scharansky's release is not a signal that the oppression of Soviet Jews is about to end, and that the fight for Soviet Jewry must continue.

Observing that Scharansky's departure was the result of "quiet diplomacy" on the part of the Reagan administration as well as the public campaign and protests in the United States, Abram called "to keep the pressure" of the public campaign in order to give the President the backing he needs when he negotiates with the Soviets.

He said that Congress should demand that the issue of Soviet Jewry be brought up again at the U.S.-Soviet summit meeting scheduled for later this year.

Trifa protest

MONTREAL —

Portugal has been asked by the Canadian Jewish Congress to expel war criminal Valerian Trifa who had led the Romanian Fascist Iron Guard in a pogrom against Jews in 1941. Trifa was stripped of his U.S. citizenship and deported by that country in August, 1984.

"We comprehend that it is possible that Trifa arrived in Portugal without his terrible record being known to your government," CJC executive vice-president Alan Rose wrote in a letter to Portugal's ambassador in Ottawa, L. H. C. Navega. "However, now that his presence is a matter of public record, we earnestly hope that he will be expelled," Rose said.

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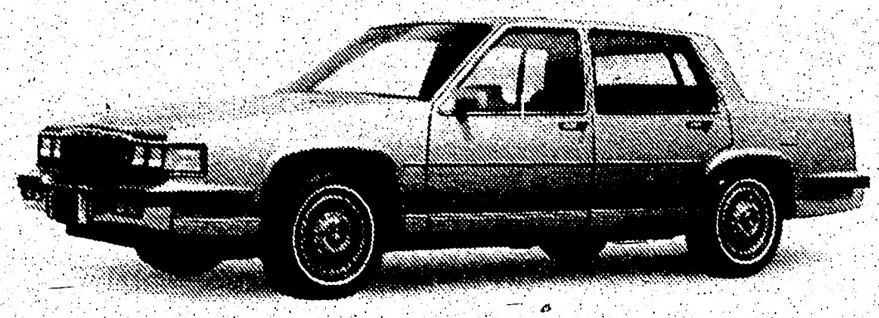

Organizations and People

TJC will participate in aliya support project

By
ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO —

Toronto Jewish Congress, along with five other North American federations, has been asked to participate in an aliya support project initiated more than a year ago by the Council of Jewish Federations in New York and the Jewish Agency in Israel.

The Toronto branch of the project held its first meeting in December, 1984 under the chairmanship of Sol Edell. Its mandate is "to do whatever possible to improve the climate for aliya and provide assistance and support for Torontonians now living in Israel."

Working on the premise that aliya is essential to the lifeblood of Israel and the concept of Zionism, and taking into account the uncertainty of Soviet emigration under prevailing conditions, the only significant pool of potential olim is North America, says Edell.

The reality is that the number of olim from North America is quite low, while the number of North Americans leaving Israel is high, he added.

The Israeli government and Jewish Agency, realizing there is a serious weakness in the aliya and absorption process, have turned to North American federations for their input in helping to make this a more successful endeavor.

With encouragement from CJF and the Jewish Agency, participating federations will attempt to develop programs and approaches to improve the rate of successful aliya from their respective communities.

The range of program possibilities is broad. Several communities plan to provide supplemental mortgage and travel funds to their olim. Others are hoping to provide ombudsman services to help in the search for appropriate employment and housing. Some would like to set up counseling and social services.

At present TJC objectives are more limited. The main thrust is the compilation of a detailed list of programs available to those interested in making aliya, and a data base on Toronto olim.

"A comprehensive directory of Torontonians in Israel will be published as a first step in developing a support group among our olim," Edell explained. "The directory will contain information on who a new oleh can call on for help, from a free meal to investment counseling — all provided by former Torontonians."

Planned as a second local project will be the sponsorship of a high level conference on opportunities in Israel, geared to families and young adults.

CZF contest heats up

TORONTO —

David Kerzner, a 22-year-old student from London, Ont. scored 91.68% recently in his heat of the ongoing public speaking competition for youth, held by the Canadian Zionist Federation (Central Region).

Kerzner's score was the highest yet achieved by over 30 competitors through the preliminary rounds of the contest, now in its sixth week.

On Feb. 2 at the Beth David Synagogue, Kerzner spoke on Soviet Strategy and the Arab-Israeli Conflict.

In an earlier heat on the same day, there was a tie between 21-year-old student Steven Shulman, who spoke on Soviet Jewish Emigration— The Debate Over Destination, and Susan Stearn, a student who delivered a talk on Concerns on Current Jewish Problems.

On Jan. 26, also at the Beth David, 29-year-old lawyer David Latner won his heat by speaking on the Economic Threat to Israel's Economy. On the same day, Mark Adler, a 23-year-old student, won with a speech on the Deschenes Commission of Inquiry into Nazi War Criminals in Canada.

Each winner advances to the next heat. The finals in all three age categories will be held April 6 at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

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Thursday, Feb. 20

PENSIONS FOR WOMEN

Louise Dulude, vice-president of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women, will be the keynote speaker on Pensions for Women - What Every Woman Should Know About Her Future, at the general meeting of the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto Section, 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 20.

The meeting is at 7, keynote speaker at 8, in Council House, 4700 Bathurst St.

Admission is free and the general public is welcome.

For additional information call 633-5100.

NA'AMAT'S PIONEER WOMEN'S KALANIT CLUB

Na'amat Pioneer Women's Kalanit Club (ages 25-37) invites young career women to join them for an informative evening on Thursday, Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Pat Coots from the Centre for Pre-menstrual Syndrome, will be the guest speaker. For information and directions call 636-5425 days, and 787-1069, evenings and weekends. The group looks forward to meeting you.

Saturday, Feb. 22

KEHILLAT AHAVAT CHESED

Kehillat Ahavat Chesed's new egalitarian Conservative congregation invites you to join it for the forthcoming Shabbat service, 9.30 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 22 at 249 Forest Hill Rd. (just south of Eglinton).

Babysitting is available.

For more details call 782-8576.

KING DAVID CONGREGATION

King David Congregation is holding a Shabbat morning service on Saturday, Feb. 22, at 9.30 a.m. Service is conducted by **Rabbi Meir Gottesman.** Children are welcome.

The congregation meets at Forest Hill Collegiate Institute auditorium, 730 Eglinton Ave. W. Kiddush will follow.

SHAAR SHALOM SYNAGOGUE

Rabbi Sheldon Korn of Shaar Shalom Synagogue, 2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill, (Don Mills and Steeles) announces a very special Shabbat afternoon, Feb. 22, at 5 p.m.

All adults and children in the community are invited to attend the Family Seudah Shlishit. There will be singing, dancing, a Bible trivia contest as well as the traditional Third Shabbat meal.

The departure of the Sabbath will be marked by a children's havdalah procession.

Sunday, Feb. 23

HEALTH FAIR

Bring your family and friends to the Health Fair - An Exploration in Vital Living, 9.30 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 23, at the Board of Education Building, 6th floor auditorium, 155 College St. at McCaul.

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General admission is $4 per person, $3, members, $2, seniors and students, (show ID card) children free.

Sponsor is The Canadian Natural Hygiene Society, Toronto Chapter, which strives to further good physical and mental health from a vegetarian viewpoint by the promotion of natural living.

BETH SHOLOM BREAKFAST CLUB

Beth Sholom Tallis and Tefillin Breakfast Club, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W., hosts the Canadian Zionist Federation sponsored Public Speaking Competition for Youth on Sunday, Feb. 23 at 10 a.m.

Contesting this heat will be **Mark Adler** and Jeffrey Jacobs. The winner will go through to the finals on April 6.

Officials are **Rabbi Harvey Meirovich, Alderman Ben Nobleman, Max Shecter** and **Julius Sokoloff.**

The public is cordially invited to attend.

NORTH YORK ARTS COUNCIL

North York Arts Council offers an afternoon of poetry and music with **Ken Sherman, Archie Rottenberg, Nathan Garnick** and other lovers of Yiddish and English translations. It all happens at Edithvale Community Centre, Room 209, 7 Edithvale Dr. (Yonge and Finch area), 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 23.

Phone 635-8793 or 225-4486 for more information, or contact the poets: Ken Sherman, 638-3974, Archie Rottenberg, 633-9624, Nathan Garnick, 481-6258.

BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB

The second gathering in a 9-session series of the Book Discussion Club is at 8 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 23, in the Lipa Green Building, Room 421, 4600 Bathurst St. At that time, **Nina Herman** will comment on In My Mother's House, a daughter's story, by **Kim Chernin.** An open exchange of personal insights follows.

For more information, contact the Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library, 4600 Bathurst St., Willowdale, Ont., M2R 3V3, telephone 635-2996.

PRECIOUS LEGACY VISIT

Planning for a September Precious Legacy trip to Prague, are, left to right, Bette Shukster and Barb Richman of Travel 24, and Ray Havelock, trip resource director. The tour will include visits to Jewish sites in Amsterdam, Brno, Theresienstadt, Bratislava, Budapest and Vienna. (For information, call Ray Havelock, 225-8714 or Travel 24, 222-2440).

Monday, Feb. 24

BIALIK REUNION COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Bialik Hebrew Day School reunion committee is scheduled for 1.30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 24, in the boardroom, 12 Viewmount Ave.

The purpose is to discuss the program for the April 19th reunion.

Former students of the Jewish Folk Shule, Borochov and Bialik Hebrew Day School, please contact **Ruby Eisen,** 781-2110, **Ann Lean,** 781-9494 or **Margie Levitt,** 781-9686.

ALJS

The Discussion Group of the Association for the Living Jewish Spirit meets at 7.30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 24 in Forest Hill Public Library, 666 Eglinton Ave. W.

Young, old and middle aged are welcome, especially the doubters and certainly the seekers.

The group continues with the theme, Other Modern Approaches to Judaism. The subject for Feb. 24 is Zionism: Should Jews Seek Normalcy and Powers.

Discussion leaders are **Rabbi Reuben Slonim** and **Dr. Felix Eckstein.**

Tuesday, Feb. 25

BETH TIKVAH SISTERHOOD

Beth Tikvah Sisterhood invites you to attend an evening with **Prof. Elaine Newton,** who will lecture on Women in American Jewish Fiction at 8 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 25 at the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave.

Admission, including refreshments, is $3 per person.

JEWISH VEGETARIAN SOCIETY

Herbalist and radio station Q107 talk show host, **Lionel Pasen,** will explain Herbal Healing - the Drug Alternative, at a meeting of the Jewish Vegetarian Society, 8 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 25, in the recreation centre of the Skyview Condominium, 5444 Yonge St. (one stoplight south of Finch).

Admission, including healthy refreshments, is $3, $2 for seniors and students.

Park at the Northtown Plaza, across the street.

To inquire further, call 222-7218 or 494-3087.

ALUMA CANADIAN ISRAELI CLUB

The Canadian Political Structure will be viewed when York University **Prof. Isaac Bar Lewaw** addresses the Aluma Canadian Israeli Club at 7.30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 25, in the Fireside Lounge of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave.

For more details, phone **Ephraim Dloomy,** 449-7836 (evenings).

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On Tuesday, Feb. 25, from 8-10 p.m. in Don Mills Library, 888 Lawrence Ave. E., a speaker from the Orchid Society will introduce beginners to the techniques of growing orchids. Please preregister. This is free.

PRECIOUS LEGACY VIDEO

For those who missed seeing the Precious Legacy exhibit or who did not go on an organized tour at the Royal Ontario Museum, Temple Har Zion, 7360 Bayview Ave., offers a "second chance."

On Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 8 p.m., in the lower lounge, a videotape prepared by PBS-TV will be shown. There is no charge.

Following the half-hour video, **Ray Havelock** will talk briefly on the Jews of Czechoslovakia.

Wednesday, Feb. 26

FRIENDS OF SCHIZOPHRENICS

Don't miss some extremely interesting films related to schizophrenia, when the Metro Toronto Chapter of Ontario Friends of Schizophrenics meets, 8 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 26, in the lecture theatre, ground floor, of the Queen Street Mental Health Centre, 1001 Queen St. W.

HAMILTON NA'AMAT MEETING

Nitsan Club, Hamilton Na'amat Pioneer Women, invites prospective members to its next meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 26, for jokes, refreshments and a big surprise.

The meeting begins 8 p.m., at 2168 Fairchild Blvd., Burlington. Call 523-7805.

WOMEN'S NETWORK

Karen Fraser, lecturer and author of Women Like Me, a comprehensive women's business and networking directory covering Ontario, will be guest speaker at a United Jewish Appeal Business and Professional Women's Network evening on Wednesday, Feb. 26.

It takes place in the fourth floor conference centre at 4600 Bathurst St.

Cost for dinner and program, beginning at 6.30 p.m., is $12 per person; dessert and program, starting at 7:15, is $5 per person.

Any woman interested in attending may call 635-2883, ext. 137 for information and reservations.

And What Else Is New...

SHAARE ZEDEK RECEPTION

Harvey Solursh, Toronto chairman of the Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation, and his wife **Renee** will host a reception on Sunday, March 2, at their home in support of the foundation's forthcoming dinner dance, Celebration: A Tribute to Canada's Entertainers.

Mrs. Solursh is also serving as dinner arrangements chairman for the event. Her husband is tribute committee chairman.

Proceeds from the dinner will be used to establish The Canadian Entertainers' Gift of Life Fund in Neonatology Intensive Care at the Shaare Zedek Medical Centre, Jerusalem. The event is a departure from tradition in that it will honor all the members of an industry, rather than an individual or couple, and the emphasis will be on entertainment.

To date, actor **Lou Jacobi** and the singing group **The Nylons,** have agreed to entertain if professional commitments permit. **Al Waxman** will chair the dinner. Movie producer **Jon Slan** is entertainment chairman.

The dinner will take place Sunday evening, June 15, at the the Constellation Hotel.

For information call 781-3584.

BAYCREST NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

If you are energetic, enjoy swimming and like working with older adults, then Baycrest Centre has an offer for you. Male volunteers are needed Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-4 p.m., to assist in the therapeutic swim program, working with patients and residents.

Volunteer secretaries are also needed to assist in the many offices. Typing experience would be a definite asset. Days and times are flexible according to the area of placement.

If interested, please call 789-5131 Volunteer Services.

NEW HADASSAH CHAPTER

Jordana Chapter, Hadassah-WIZO, welcomes new members. This is a group of single and married women, ages 25-39.

The group offers absorbing and enjoyable programs.

If you would like to meet new people and have a good time, call **Janice,** 783-8022.

ISRAEL ALIYAH PROGRAMS

North American Aliyah Movement (NAAM) will sponsor a 2-month internship program in Israel which offers students at university and post-graduate levels an opportunity to work at their chosen professions in Israel this summer.

Participants work alongside Israelis six days a week, gaining first-hand knowledge of life as an "Israeli."

T'nuat Aliyah and the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel, endeavor to place applicants in the field and location of their choice.

In the past they have been placed at Hadassah, Rambam and other health facilities; in the government press office and the information department

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of the World Zionist Organization; in law practices and in engineering, architecture, computer and other high-tech firms.

A working knowledge of Hebrew is required and applicants should have visited Israel previously.

The Maalot program combines an opportunity to improve one's Hebrew while living and working in the development town of Maalot. It is open to students ages 18-23, who have some knowledge of Hebrew, have visited Israel before, are considering aliya and are interested in becoming more involved in student activities on campus. Job interviews will be arranged with the help of T'nuat and the AACI.

Students will be housed in the volunteer centre in Maalot, and will be covered for routine medical care. It is strongly advised, however, that each person have health insurance coverage while abroad.

NAAM announces a pre-aliya seminar to Israel for retirees, scheduled for May 19 through June 2.

Planned with the senior in mind, this seminar will address special concerns and options.

Persons who will be retired at the time of aliya, are eligible for this 2-week mission. The seminar fee will be $1,260 U.S. funds (subject to change) and includes roundtrip airfare from New York to Tel Aviv, accommodations in 3-star hotels, kosher meals and all land arrangements.

And, the Soroka Medical Centre is seeking residents in nephrology, internal medicine and gastroenterology for immediate employment in positions with an excellent career future in an academic centre.

For further information on programs and the Soroka request for medical residents, contact The Israel Aliyah Centre, 1111 Finch Ave. W., Suite 355, Toronto, M3J 2E5, phone 665-7772.

HOME SHOW VENDORS

Vendors, small or large businesses, tradespeople, etc., are wanted for a Yonge-Sheppard community home show which is set for March 1 at Cameron Public School.

For details, call 222-1405 or 229-6738.

DAY CAMP COUNSELORS WANTED

Kidsworld Day Camp is now accepting applications for counselors.

For more information, call 635-1177.

THRIFT SHOP SALE

The auxiliary of the North York Branch, Ontario Humane Society, is having its annual Half-Price Clothing and Sports Equipment Sale at the Thrift Shop, 300 Wilson Ave. (just west of Bathurst St.), Feb. 20, 21 and 22, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

The entire stock of winter clothing and sports equipment will be half-price.

Total proceeds from the sale will be used to care for the animals at the shelter in North York.

WIDOWED TO WIDOWED

Jewish Family and Child Service, through its Jewish Family Life Education Department, is offering a 6-week discussion series for men and women under 60, widowed less than two years, who want to talk about coping with grief, living alone, changing relationships and creating a new identity.

The series, to be led by **Eleanor Miller,** starts Tuesday, Feb. 25, 1.30-3 p.m. in the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St., 6th floor.

Fee is $30 per person.

Call 638-7800, ext. 290 and 292.

ADULT DAYTIME CLASSES

It's not too late to begin classes, grades 1-13 in academic, business and technical areas at Bathurst Heights Secondary School, 640 Lawrence Ave. W.

If you wish you may enrol your child in nearby Flemington Day Care or Public School, which offers an inexpensive nourishing breakfast to begin every school day.

The Bathurst Adult Learning Centre is located near the Lawrence West subway station.

Call 789-0551 for information.

WINTER BREAK DAY CAMP

Here's another 5-day camp to keep your active children busy and content.

Under the auspices of The Third Floor, 223 Eglinton Ave. E. (corner of Mt. Pleasant) the camp operates from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. with a planned program 10 a.m-4 p.m., March 10-14 inclusive. School-age children, kindergarten to grade 6, will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Fee is $50, including an afternoon snack, but not lunch.

For details and registration forms, call 487-4096 or 487-8616. Registration must be in by Friday, Feb. 21.

TORONTO CONCERTSINGERS

Concertsingers, a chamber choir under the direction of **John Tuttle,** will present Wintersong, a concert including **Brahm's** Gypsy Songs, **Ravel's** Trois Chansons and **Schumann's** Spanish Lieder.

Special guest, soprano **Gwenlynn Little,** will perform Spanish songs by **Rodrigo** and the Inflammatus from **Rossini's Stabat Mater.**

The concert is on Sunday, March 9 at 3 p.m. in the Royal Conservatory of Music's Concert Hall, 273 Bloor St. W.

Ticket prices are $7 for adults, $4 students and seniors.

For further information or tickets, call 698-6935 or write to Concertsingers, 47 Keystone Ave., Toronto, Ont., M4C 1H3.

CHESTER WAXMAN ROAST

The Chester Waxman Roast, presented by the Hamilton General/Henderson General Hospitals Campaign, will be held at the Hamilton Convention Centre on April 12 at 6 p.m.

Chester Waxman, key fund raiser in the Hamilton Civic Hospitals Campaign, will be honored by **Red Buttons, Al Waxman, Martin Short** and many others, at this event. All proceeds will be donated to the campaign.

For more information or ticket reservations, contact **Jackie Webb,** (416) 522-3867, Hamilton.

SHAARE ZEDEK WOMEN

Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation Toronto Women's Division will hold a general meeting for members and guests Wednesday evening, March 5, at the home of **Lois Loeb.**

The film, Through Five Windows, a provocative look at life in Israel through the eyes of five women, will be screened and discussed.

For information and reservations, call 781-3584.

JOINT PROGRAM

Toronto alumni of Yeshiva University held a joint program with Yeshiva University students and their parents featuring a presentation by smicha student Steven Cohen on his experiences teaching Ethiopian children at an absorption centre in Israel. Seen from left to right are Azriel Cohen, Steven Cohen and Sam Abraham, student participants in the program; Jerry and Esther Abraham, hosts for the evening.

MEET THE PRESS

Progressive Conservative leader Larry Grossman (centre) met with members of the ethnic media, including Canadian Jewish News reporter Jeff Rosen (right) at a recent press conference arranged by Ontario Conservatives. Among caucus members present was Don Dousens, MPP for York Centre.

for seniors

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Good Age Club of the JCC Northern Branch, 4588 Bathurst St., presents Beauty and Bows with esthetician **Ann Campbell,** 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25 in Room 221. Learn how to apply makeup. Bring a scarf and Ann will teach you how to "fancy" tie it. There is no charge. For more information contact **Teme Kernerman,** 636-1880, ext. 234.

At the **Wagman Centre,** Sephardim and Ashkenazim, Differences and Similarities, a lecture and discussion series with **Rabbi Abraham Edery** of Baycrest Centre, continues in the Waltman Fireside Centre, Wednesday, Feb. 26 from 3-4 p.m.

Also at the Wagman Centre, as part of the Meet the Author series, editor, publisher, and author of The Scared and the Doomed, **Meyer J. Nuremberger,** will consider The Jewish Establishment Vs. The Six Million. This is on Thursday, Feb. 27, 10.30-11.45 a.m. Admission is free.

Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Plus 50, 1700 Bathurst St., welcomes everyone to a Bingo with prizes galore, 1.30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 25.

Refreshments and coffee will be served. Cost to non-members of the club is $1.50.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

Ilene Brass will sing popular show tunes at the next Wednesday afternoon social, 1.30 p.m., Feb. 26.

Be a Label Reader and Live - Chemicals in the Home, is the important topic for discussion by industrial safety consultant, **Harold Friendly,** 1.30-2.30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 27. There is no charge and everyone is welcome.

GALIL HONORED

Dr. Aharon Galil will be guest of honor at a reception on Tuesday, Feb. 25 commencing at 8 p.m., hosted in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Livergant. Dr. Galil is on leave from Soroka Medical Centre in Beersheba, and is currently doing research at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children. On his return to Israel he will be director of high risk follow-up at Soroka's Harold and Lynda Livergant neonatal wing. Livergant is the recipient of the Kupat Holim 1986 Man of the Year award. The Livergants invite their friends to join them in meeting Dr. Galil. For more information contact Hy Fogelman, 630-9444.

Sundays at the centre continues with a 2 p.m. concert, Feb. 23, showcasing **Roy Ensley** who entertains with impersonations and impressions.

singles

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And, please remember that items for the Singles column will only be accepted by mail or delivery to the office, not over the telephone!

Na'amat Pioneer Women Club Dafna invites all single women, mid-20s to early 30s, to attend its next meeting on Thursday, Feb. 27. A program on Colors and Fashion will follow. To inquire further call **Sandi,** 222-8553.

North-East JCC Valley Jewish Single/Single Parents Group presents a discussion to be led by **Gail Kattsir,** 8 p.m. sharp on Thursday, Feb. 27, at The Valley, 7015 Leslie St. The topic, All the World's A Stage, will provide a new perspective on the stages through which newly single people go. Admission is $1 for members, $2, non-members. For more information call **Sally Kerbel,** 889-0813.

Monday, Feb. 24 - It's a date to remember. A real live party will be held at 8 p.m. in the Gypsy Room of the Holiday Inn at Yorkdale. **Allen,** your host for the evening, will be on hand with 4,000 discs, including reggae, rock'n' roll, merengy, 50s and 60s and top 20. All requests will be honored. Refreshments will be served. Cover is $10. Parking is free. This is organized by **High Society.** Call **Evelyn,** 446-1394.

CIRPA is a citizen's group formed to monitor members of the police force who are taking the law into their own hands.

Recently a Metro police constable with 13 years on the force was told to resign or be fired, due to an incident in which a suspect was hurt so badly that he required hospitalization and surgery.

Who Polices the Police (Law or Order?) will be examined by former alderman **Allan Sparrow,** when he addresses a meeting of **Beth Tikvah Chai Singles** in the downstairs social hall of the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave., at 8 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 23. Refreshments will be served. Admission is $3 for members, $5 non-members. Bring your membership cards.

Holy Blossom Temple Single/Single Parents Group looks forward to the following events. Friday, Feb. 21, following the 8.30 p.m. service, there will be an Oneg Shabbat discussion of the rabbi's sermon in the boardroom. Refreshments will be served.

A Late Winter Dance with Celebration deejay, featuring the latest music plus golden oldies, is planned for Saturday, Feb. 22 at 8 p.m. in the Philip Smith Auditorium. Admission, including refreshments, is $5 for members, $7, non-members.

Join Beth Tikvah Chai Singles in the synagogue at 3080 Bayview Ave. on Sunday, Feb. 23, when they gather to hear former alderman **Allan Sparrow** talk about CIRPA, a citizen's group which is concerned with some activities in the Metro Toronto police force.

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Organizations and People

New problems for Jewish law

Transplant issue complex

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Jews can allow themselves to become organ transplant recipients but are not obliged under Jewish law to be organ donors, says a leading expert on halacha and organ transplants.

Rabbi Howard Sacknovitz, a teacher at CHAT, told an audience at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue recently that the surge in the last decade of safe, almost routine organ transplants has presented Jewish law with new problems.

While organ transplants were regarded as sins 20 years ago, they are today seen as mitzvahs because, in most cases, they are life-saving, Sacknovitz said.

In Jewish Responsa literature and in the Talmud, he noted, it is written that Jews are allowed to risk immediate death for the possibility of living longer. So an organ recipient can take the risk of a transplant operation, Sacknovitz explained.

But the problem many Jews perceive with being a recipient, he added, is that Kohanim are not allowed to come into contact with a dead body, or even with a dead limb or organ.

Sacknovitz said there "is no problem" with being a recipient if one is a Kohain because an organ that is removed from a body for transplant is not dead— it is still a living thing.

He said halachically, there are "bigger problems," however, with being an organ donor.

In the case of a live donor, Sacknovitz said there is a "major disagreement" between how the Babylonian Talmud and the Jerusalem Talmud interpret the matter.

The dilemma is that on the one hand, Jewish law holds the sanctity of life above all else and says it's a mitzvah to save a life but also commands not to endanger one's own life.

The Babylonian Talmud, he said, indicates one is under no obligation to donate an organ in order to save another life, even if that life is in immediate danger.

The Jerusalem Talmud hints that one is obliged to donate an organ— that the risk of death outweighs the doubt.

Sacknovitz said that since most rabbis in the Diaspora follow the Babylonian Talmud, the prevailing thinking is that one is under no obligation to donate an organ.

However, it is still seen as a mitzvah to volunteer an organ. Volunteering, he stated, is "morally still the proper thing to do."

The case of a dead donor is more complex, said Sacknovitz. Halacha states that mutilation of a corpse is desecration, that one cannot derive benefit from a dead person and that a whole body must be buried.

So on the surface, it seems taking an organ from a dead donor is halachically wrong. But, Sacknovitz stressed, saving a life supersedes those three prohibitions, so in many cases today, being a dead donor is alright.

He added that even corneа transplants have received the Jewish stamp of approval because being blind can be life-threatening.

In the case of kidney transplants, though, both kidneys of the recipient must be damaged before one should donate his own kidney.

In the final analysis, Sacknovitz said, each transplant case must be judged on its own merit.

As for organ banks, Sacknovitz said Jews must make certain that if they donate organs, the organ must be used soon and only in a life-threatening situation.

Branson gets approval to build clinical lab

TORONTO —

North York's Branson Hospital has received provincial approval to award the contract for the construction of a new clinical laboratory and an adjoining facility for proposed new operating rooms, Ontario Health Minister Murray Elston has announced.

Work will get under way immediately to build the new laboratory, with completion expected by summer 1987.

"An entirely new laboratory with more space and improved, modern equipment will replace the old lab," Elston said.

Design of the new laboratory and plans for its use have been approved both by health ministry consultants and the Hospital Council of Metropolitan Toronto. Construction of the lab had been recommended by the Metropolitan Toronto District Health Council.

The laboratory represents the second phase of a construction program at North York Branson Hospital.

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Saturday, March 1, is Dinner Theatre Night at the Cambridge Hotel, 600 Dixon Rd. (at 401). Dinner is at 7.30 p.m. and showtime - Annie Get Your Gun - at 9.30. Admission $30 per person, covers complete dinner, show, tax and gratuities. Car pooling is available. RSVP by Feb. 27 to **James,** 485-9911.

It's a Post Valentine's Dance for Total Living Mature Singles, with music by **Norm Derrin's** orchestra, Saturday, Feb. 22 at Earl Bales Community Centre, Bathurst St. and Sheppard Ave. Everyone is welcome. There will be prizes and refreshments. Admission is $5 for members, $6, non-members. And here's a reminder - the next meeting, March 9, is the final date to pay current dues in order to be eligible for the free membership dinner on April 13. Don't miss out.

Starlight Productions presents its first Singles Party Extraordinaire (ages 19-30) from 8 p.m.-1 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 25, at Maxwell's Mix, 4899 Yonge St., north of Sheppard. Admission is only $3.99 until 9 p.m. and $4.99 after 9. Door prize is a dinner for two. Come early as seating is limited.

B'nai B'rith Coed Lodge, Atideynu, (20s and 30s), is looking for people who like taking risks. Come to 15 Hove St. (Bathurst and Sheppard area) for a Mini Monte Carlo Night, starting at 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23. Admission is $3 for members, $4, non-members. Compete for fun and prizes. (no money is needed for games).

Metro Toronto Singles presents a Professional and Business Network at Elaine's Restaurant, (upstairs) 488 Eglinton Ave. W., 1½ blocks west of Avenue Rd. Cover is $7. Several special guests are to be featured and hors d'oeuvres will be served. To make inquiries call **Sid,** 222-7111.

Join **Club Moriah,** (ages 25-40) on weekends in February and March for afternoons of outdoor fun. Activities include cross country/downhill skiing, snowshoeing for novices, intermediates and experts. Canteen, lessons and equipment rentals are available on the site. There will be carpooling to slopes and trails near Toronto. For more details on these trips and apres-ski fun, call 781-2169 or 638-6005, after 7 p.m.

Jeff Perlmutar invites you to a February Singles Bash, 8.30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 25 at Rooneys, 2 Rosehill Ave., two blocks south of St. Clair and Yonge (east side). Cover is $5. Door prize is dinner for two at Le Connaisseur. Indoor municipal parking is just two doors away.

About People

Hospitality Tours announces the appointment of **Vic Baruch,** as director of sales.

Baruch's expertise is in the Israeli and European markets. His background with El Al and as manager of Arkia, Israel's domestic airline, will be helpful to the Jewish community.

LOYAL EMPLOYEES

Olive Arnold (left) and Anne Dzurilla are entering their 35th and 30th years respectively as employees of the central Jewish communal structure in Toronto. Mrs. Arnold is an accounts receivable supervisor with United Jewish Appeal. During her career, which extends back to the days of the United Jewish Welfare Fund, she has seen her area of work develop from a relatively uncomplicated system to today's high-tech mode. Anne Dzurilla has been secretary to a number of Toronto Jewish Congress and United Jewish Appeal professionals during her tenure, including the current and immediate past directors of campaign, Adam Kahan and Steven Ain. Mrs. Dzurilla is now secretary to Ben Schneider, who is consultant to the bequest and endowment fund of TJC.

TORONTONIANS IN ISRAEL

The Toronto Jewish Congress Aliyah Support Group

is gathering information, for statistical purposes, on former Torontonians, now living in Israel. The information provided will be used as a first step in a long-term project to provide ongoing support services to Toronto immigrants.

If you have friends or relatives living in Israel, we would like to know about them.

You can help by kindly filling out the attached form and returning it to: Sol Edell, Chairman, Aliyah Support Group, Toronto Jewish Congress, 4600 Bathurst Street, Willowdale, Ontario M2R 3V2, or phone information to: (416) 635-2883 ext. 111.

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Organizations and People

Grafstein first woman president of Society for Neuroscience

Teacher helped to spark interest in biology

By
JEFF ROSEN

NEW YORK —
If you don't believe high school teachers can strongly influence a teenager's life, just ask Bernice Grafstein, the first woman president of the 10,000-member Society for Neuroscience.

Grafstein, a professor of physiology and biophysics at Cornell University Medical College in New York, said her interest in science began back in high school when she attended Harbord Collegiate in Toronto, where she grew up.

"I became interested in biology as a result of two important influences," Grafstein told The Canadian Jewish News. "One was my high school biology teacher Mr. Smith. He just made the subject sound very interesting and exciting.

"The other was reading Microbe Hunters," Grafstein added. "Many of my generation were influenced by that book. It was about people who contributed to medical science in various ways through research and scientific discoveries."

After receiving a BA in physiology from the University of Toronto and a PhD in neurophysiology from McGill University in Montreal, Grafstein went to England for a couple of years to do postgraduate work in the department of anatomy at University College.

She returned to her native country in 1957 as a faculty member at McGill, but shortly after moved to Rockefeller University as a result of a decision to direct her career towards the study of developmental neurobiology.

"I left Canada because I wanted to go into an area of research that didn't have anybody in Canada working on it and had very few people working on it in the United States," said Grafstein, cousin of Ontario Provincial Court Judge Phil Givens.

In 1969, she joined Cornell University Medical College, where she now holds the rank of professor of physiology and Vincent and Brooke Astor Distinguished Professor of Neuroscience, a position she was recently named to.

Grafstein said it was a "special honor" to receive the latter professorship as it was a new position designated for her as an acknowledgement of her research on the nervous system.

"It wasn't just given in order to establish a position at the college which would then be filled by someone," Grafstein explained. "It was given as a specific means of support for my work.

"It promises continuing support for any work I will be doing in the future," she added.

She claims her work in the study of the development of the nervous system, the brain, spinal cord and nerves has "tremendous application in connection with repairing damage to the nervous system.

"Things I find out about how nerve cells grow and how they respond to injury are appropriate for developing possible treatments for problems such as stroke, spinal cord injury or even the aging of the nervous system.

"I find my work interesting and involving," she said.

Grafstein's contribution to the scientific community was further acknowledged when she was recently elected president of the Society for Neuroscience, an organization of neuroscientists throughout North America.

A member of the 15-year-old society since its inception, Grafstein has served as a member of its

Bernice Grafstein

council from 1972 to 1976 and as treasurer from 1977 to 1980.

While proud of the being named the society's first female president, Grafstein said she does not see herself as a role model for other women getting into the field.

"I'm told I do, but I don't view my function that way," she said. "I don't think of myself as a model, but have received a lot of support from women members."

Grafstein has been chairman of the commitee for brain science of the National Research Council and a member of the advisory committee for USSR and Eastern Europe.

She has been a scientific advisor for a number of voluntary health organizations concerned with central nervous system injury, such as the National Spinal Cord Injury Foundation and Paralyzed Veterans of America, and has a special interest in efforts to educate the public about research in this area.

She has been twice honored by the National Spinal Cord Injury Foundation and received an award from the New York Metropolitan Chapter of American Women in Science in 1982 as an outstanding woman scientist.

She was the recipient of an award for excellence in teaching given by the Cornell University Medical College class of 1980.

Grafstein is married to Howard Shanet, professor of music, director of music performance, and conductor of the orchestra at Columbia University. Their son, Larry Shanet, is an undergraduate at John Hopkins University.

Disabled awareness focus of JCC event

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
The first ever disABILITY awareness week at the Jewish Community Centre will kick off on Sunday, March 2 at 2 p.m. with opening remarks by Elinor Caplan, provincial minister responsible for the management board and government services.

For one week, the JCC will host a variety of programs, workshops and lectures designed to "enlighten and educate the general public as to what the disabled are capable of," and "to educate the disabled" about the services and facilities available at the JCC, says Ed Rice, volunteer program chairman.

One of the lectures will be presented by lawyer Paul Pellman on the disabled and the law, focusing on Charter rights.

Also on the agenda is a workshop on educational opportunities for the disabled, presented by Ilanna Yuditsky, assistant to the coordinator for the centre for disabled students at York University, and Eileen Barbeau, coordinator of services to the disabled at the University of Toronto.

They will discuss issues such as access to the classroom, scheduling of classes and special devices designed to assist the disabled.

A lecture on the disabled women's network will focus on the myths that surround the disabled, from sexuality to socialization, says Helen Wolfe, program coordinator of special needs at the JCC.

On Monday, March 3, starting at 8 p.m. in the main gym, a wheelchair floor hockey game will be played, and on Thursday, March 6, 8 p.m., the Toronto Spitfires will take on a JCC squad in an exhibition of wheelchair basketball.

On Tuesday, March 4, two sessions are planned dealing with parent education — how we shape our children's attitudes towards people with disabilities.

The week-long program is sponsored by the Task Force on Jewish Persons with Disabilities in conjunction with the special needs department of the JCC.

The Task Force functions under the auspices of the JCC, Rice states, and has about 200 members. Of these, approximately 60 have special needs memberships at the JCC, at an annual cost of $65.

Rice says one of the hopes of the event organizers is that the disabled will become more aware that the JCC is accessible to them.

For more information, contact Helen Wolfe at (416) 636-1880, ext. 239.

Davis named president of Friends of Haifa U

TORONTO —
Michael Davis has been named national president of the Canadian Friends of Haifa University.

Davis, the former acting national president, was named to succeed Dr. A.A. "Bucky" Epstein at the Canadian Friends' recent annual meeting here.

Other officers elected were: Sam Crystal, vice-president; Michael Rosenthal, vice-president; Ralph Milrod, secretary-treasurer and Donald Carr, honorary counsel.

The annual meeting paid tribute to former director Alec Aylat, who left the Canadian Friends to head a Jewish communal organization in Atlanta.

Officers of the Canadian Friends are busy putting finishing touches to a tribute dinner for George Cohon, president of McDonald's Restaurants of Canada.

Michael Davis

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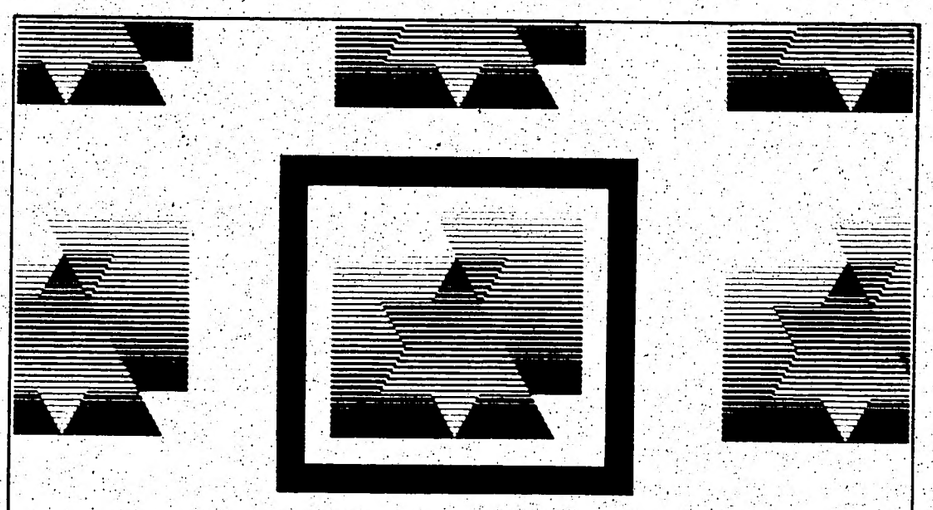

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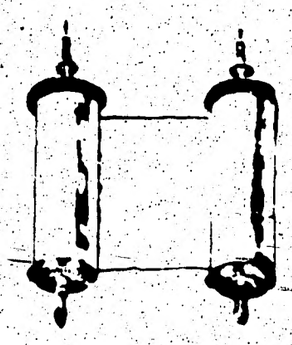

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Tezaveh

To forget is bad — or is it? To forget insults, pain, anger is a blessing. But to forget words of the Torah?

A chassid came to Reb Yehudah Hersch of Stretin and complained that he forgot what he studied as quickly as he read it.

Advised the rebbe: "In the Torah it says: 'l'zikaron. For a remembrance before the L-rd forever. . . .' But before it we are also reminded, lihaalot ner tamid — to cause the lamp to burn before me always. . . .

"What is the connection? But in order to remember Torah, it is good to keep a candle always burning. Further — in the Talmud it says that a person who sees olive oil in a dream shoulld look forward to the light of the Torah. . . . So certainly you see olive oil when you are awake!"

Taught our rabbis: The night was created only for Torah study!

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Nothing comes easy — you have a struggle to be a Jew, and to know G-d's word.

Consider . . . the Talmud teaches that when a child is in its mother's stomach, an angel comes and teaches him or her the whole Torah. Then, at the exit from the womb, the angel pinches the infant on the mouth and . . . poof! The whole Torah is forgotten. . . .

Strange? Why teach a child, if a few months later they wipe away all his memory?

But . . . when the child is born, grows up and studies and works hard to understand, then much of that original Torah is recalled — the earlier learning helps in the later study!

But still it's strange — why should they cause the baby to forget all his learning? Why not let each baby be born a Vilna Gaon, a Moshe Rabbeinu? Imagine . . . instead of Dr. Suess, we could buy each little infant a Shas and Shulchan Aruch?

But — explains the Otzar Chaim — that wouldn't be right. Torah on a silver platter is not worth much. Torah requires struggle, a knitted brow. Torah must be chewed over and over, not fed intraveneously.

What good is Torah without work?

A rabbi visited the Gerer Rebbe and saw that the Gerer had thousands of learned books on his shelves. "How can a human being remember so many books?" he wondered.

The Rebbe sensed his thoughts and commented: "A person should remember at least one saying from every sefer that he has on his shelves. . . ."

* * *

But it's so hard to remember Torah — there are so many distractions. We have to remember stock prices, hockey statistics, who left who in the soap operas, shopping lists.

The Torah commanded the Jewish people to ignite "ner tamid," an external light.

The words ner tamid in gematria equal 704. The word "bi-shabbat" also equals 704. What's the connection? Explains the Baal Haturim — the holiness of the Shabbat candles has to burn not just Friday night, but inspire and sanctify us during the rest of the week.

May holiness descend upon us soon. Shabbat Shalom.

Variety of programs offered

A mikveh for Minyan Avreichim

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

The new mikveh planned for Minyan Avreichim, one of four new shul-study halls in the Bathurst-Glencairn area, is another sign of the neighborhood's effervescent Orthodoxy.

Construction of the mikveh will be launched before Pesach, with its use to begin in time for Rosh Hashanah, according to Avreichim gabbai Danny Schmidt.

There are already five or more mikvaot nearby: at Imre Noam, the eldest of the four new minyanim, at Kollel Avreichim-Institute of Advanced Talmudic Studies, at Shomrai Shabbos Congregation on Glengrove Ave. at Toras Emes Congregation on Viewmount and at Yesodei HaTorah school, on Lawrence.

"If we are building a mikveh of our own, it means that it's needed," Schmidt told The Canadian Jewish News. Schmidt's minyan grew out of the Kollel Avreichim on Coldstream Ave. with a handful of families. (The minyan's name attests to its origin, as well as to the continued closeness with the kollel.) Now, some 10 years later, Minyan Avreichim offers a variety of programs and shiurs— Torah lectures— as well as full daily services. The 60 families that make up its nucleus include some of the most committed in the city.

Minyan Avreichim also operates a clothing bank for the poor and the women's section of the kollel's library.

"We started mainly with kollel people," Schmidt told The CJN. "I suppose you could say that most of us are of European background," he added.

For the past 2½ years, Minyan Avreichim, at 2919 Bathurst Street, has occupied a North York landmark: the premises of Currey Bulmer Boat and Marine Supplies. Until then from the time the low flat building with its paved front and side squares was erected nearly a quarter of a century earlier, Currey Bulmer provided local residents and passers-by with the exotic sight of the latest in sailing and motor boats. It also functioned as a High Holiday home for Toras Emes before the latter's Viewmount premises were completed. In a tradition that never overlooks the obvious, Minyan Avreichim is sometimes referred to as The Boat Shul.

"The building's large open space is ideal for a shul," said Schmidt.

A similar building down the street, at 2801 Bathurst St., has also been converted into a synagogue. Minyan Zichron Shneur has been thriving in the premises of a former hardware store since last Pesach. It, too, numbers a core of some 50 to 60 active families, and is also an offspring of the kollel.

"Most of our people are young Canadian and American graduates of the Coldstream kollel or of the one in Lakewood, New Jersey. Many teach at Yesodei HaTorah or Bais Yaakov. We also have a number of baalei teshuvah," Rabbi Eliyahu Moshe Gross told The CJN.

He, along with property manager Zvi Tress and builder Nathan Bleeman and his brother-in-law Shimon Smurcz, founded the minyan. It was dedicated to the memory of Rabbi Shneur Kotler, the former dean of Lakewood's Beis Medrash Gevoah (Institute for Advanced Talmudic Studies), who died in 1982.

Zichron Shneur has an official spiritual leader, Rabbi David Pam, who also learns at the Coldstream kollel. Rabbi Gross teaches at Yesodei HaTorah.

Zichron Shneur, he said, "fulfils a need in the community by providing yet another beis medrash where learning and davening are conducted in a Torah-true Orthodox manner."

The New York-raised Gross studied at Toronto's Ner Israel Yeshiva, following Rabbi Naftali Friedler here when he took up the post of the school's rosh yeshiva (dean) in the early 70s.

Rabbi Gross is married to a Toronto girl, Sandy, whom he met in Israel during a 4-year course of studies at Jerusalem's Mir Yeshiva. After their wedding in Toronto nine years ago, they both went back to Israel for another three years. Upon their return here, he began davening at the Coldstream kollel. "It was crowded," Mrs. Gross told The CJN. "With the approval of the kollel's deans, Rabbis Shlomo Miller and Jacob Hirschman, my husband and his friends got some funding and began a new minyan."

An official rabbi was hired about 1½ years ago, Rabbi David Pam, whose father, Rabbi Avraham Pam, is congregational rabbi of Tora Vodaath in Brooklyn. David came to Toronto to study at the kollel some 16 years ago.

Zichron Shneur offers shiurim during the evenings and on Shabbat. Pirchei, an Agudat Israel group for boys between 6 and bar-mitzvah age, meets at Zichron Shneur on Shabbat afternoon for learning and socializing.

"A lot of religious people have moved into the area, quite a few of them from the U.S. and Montreal," said Rabbi Gross. "All of our members live between Viewmount Ave. and Lawrence. Its schools, shopping and convenience make it very attractive."

Less than a block north of Zichron Shneur is N'siv Olam, at 2837 Bathurst Street, the minyan founded and run by charismatic Rabbi Reuven Silver.

Rabbi Silver, who was giving shiurim (lectures) on Halacha and Talmud in the Bathurst-Finch area, transferred his beis medrash south last July to be where the majority of his students were moving.

"Most are young Canadians with a yeshiva background," Rabbi Silver told The CJN. "We also have a number of baalei teshuva.

"The shiurim are organized so that both groups can learn from them. People with all levels of Torah background sit side by side," he said.

The Ottawa-born Silver, who studied at Mercaz HaTorah in Montreal, received his first smicha (ordination) 21 years ago.

Twelve years ago, he received an advanced degree from Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, one of the world's leading halachic authorities.

Rabbi Silver returned to Canada 24 years ago after extensive studies at a number of U.S. yeshivot. His wife Raizel is from Baltimore.

"We try not to dilute the subject matter of the shiurim," he said. "We try to satisfy those looking for more, but present the subject so that everyone will get something from it."

The minyan grew out of the lectures, he told The CJN. These are held every evening except Saturdays and Sundays, and include a weekly women's class in Halacha.

Chairman of N'siv Olam's board of directors is lawyer Aaron Grubner.

"N'siv Olam is down here because that's where our students are," said Rabbi Silver. "This has become a very popular area."

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Problems, issues discussed

Orthodox women prove they can have careers

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO — Orthodox women professionals are shattering the myth that religious women can't pursue a career and five prominent examples recently presented their personal experiences as working women, wives and mothers and the problems and issues they face.

The five participated in a panel discussion on The Jewish Woman: Tradition And Challenge held by the Emunah Women of Toronto at the Shaarei Synagogue and attended by more than 300 people.

"The Orthodox community has been slow in grappling with the issue and slow to deal with it in a public forum," said Rachel Weinstock the moderator. The panelists, she noted, were from different stages of their lives but they had all confronted the duality of being a professional and having a home and family.

Weinstock, who has a doctorate in the field of applied linguistics from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education and is on the faculty of York University, said that previously, Orthodox women who wanted to change their status, did so outside the Orthodox community.

"What we have today that is new is a group of women who are Orthodox and intend to stay Orthodox, but at the same time they are choosing paths which allow them to use their ability in the world outside the home."

These new paths, she added, bring with it the necessity for decision, for adjustment, and for ways of coping.

"Women have always worked, but unpaid work," said panelist Rachel Schlesinger who also has a doctorate at OISE in the field of adult education. In her sociological overview, Schlesinger described the universal position of women and she placed Orthodox women in the context of the general society.

The Jewish Woman: Tradition and Challenge was the topic of an Emunah panel discussion. The Othodox career women who participated are (from left) moderator Rachel Weinstock, Rachel Schlesinger, Cecile Rotenberg, Dr. Susan Gross and Dr. Esther Sturm. [Graphic Artists photo]

She said that women live in a world of "shoulds and oughts," and they made very few decisions. Today, with women living longer, living alone for longer periods of time, having fewer children, women must learn to make changes.

Schlesinger, a faculty member at York University and the mother of four children, suggested that women ignore the media and the models they project, and instead "pay attention to the rich models we have in our families and among our friends."

Cecile Rotenberg, an executive placement officer who describes herself as "the political wife who was an appendage to her husband," (former MPP David Rotenberg), presented the very traditional role of women married in the late 40s, 50s and 60s.

Panelist Esther Sturm who is completing her family practice residency at the Mount Sinai Hospital, and the mother of three children, spoke of spanning the two worlds of the Orthodox woman and a career.

"Educating your husband," she said, "is the key for a career woman." She added that it has to be a partnership. It's not enough for a man to "help," he must "share" the responsibility.

Making decisions in her career took some soul-searching. She said that in her first year she tried to do everything. By the second year, her pediatrician husband became more receptive.

Enforce your own priorities, she advised. "It's not either or, it's how?" Sturm placed special emphasis on the "quality time" she spends with her children.

"Would I do it again?" she asked. "Absolutely."

The youngest member of the panel of Orthodox women was Susan Gross who is completing her internship at the Toronto General Hospital. She is expecting her first child.

Gross said that although she had everything planned for career and family, she now realizes that it will take a little longer than she thought to reach her career goals. "My sights will be set a little lower."

The biggest change for women, she observed, is that they are saying, "I want something for myself."

It was Gross who described an important challenge facing the Jewish community, which she says, has almost shut out the women.

A major difficulty comes as a result of career women who are allowed a semblance of power in the outside world, Gross said. They are resentful and feel powerless when they re-enter the Jewish world where they tend to feel locked out and isolated from Jewish institutions, she added.

"Although it's changing, when you open The Canadian Jewish News, you see who is speaking for the community — it still tends to be men."

Gross says that it worries her that the Jewish community is not using half of all of its creative resources for the next generation. "To me, this is the crux of the challenge presented to the Jewish community by the new role of women in our society."

In concluding the lively discussion between panelists and members of the audience, Weinstock announced that Emunah was forming a business and professional group which would address itself to the many issues raised at the panel discussion.

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Organizations and People

Consumers urged to boycott South African products

Jewish group demonstrates against apartheid

By NOMI MORRIS

TORONTO —

Dozens of demonstrators marched through the heart of Toronto's Jewish community recently in a protest against apartheid sponsored by the New Jewish Agenda.

The participants walked along Bathurst St. between Lawrence and Wilson Avenues handing out a flyer titled "Jews Against Apartheid." The pamphlet lists some common South African products and urges consumers to boycott them in opposition to that country's racial policies.

"Canadian Jews as individuals have been active against apartheid for years, but it is time we spoke out as a group," said NJA member Ken Wyman. The New Jewish Agenda, a U.S.-based organization, is dedicated to advancing social, economic, religious and political issues within a Jewish framework.

The demonstrators were firm in their belief that as victims of the Holocaust, Jews must be sensitive to racism and have a particular responsibility to lead in the fight against apartheid.

"The world stood by silently when Hitler passed the Nuremberg laws. It is important for Jews to speak out today," said North York Controller Howard Moscoe, who participated in the march.

Many of the demonstrators said that although Jews were leaders in the American civil rights movement of the 1960s, they have been apathetic in what is the major human rights battle of the 80s.

According to Wyman, one reason that Canadian Jews have not been vocal against the South African regime is the fear of a backlash against the Jewish community there. 'But now that the Board of Jewish Deputies in South Africa has issued a statement againt apartheid, we can stand with the Jews as well as the Blacks," said Wyman.

He added that the attention of the Canadian Jewish community tends to be focused on other issues such as Israel and Soviet Jewry.

"The Jewish community in Toronto has been singing one tune. We represent a new trend of diversity," said freelance journalist Jacqueline Swartz. Other groups represented in the Toronto demonstration included Sholom Disarmament, Die Schwester — Jewish feminists, and the Jewish Forum for Social Justice.

The New Jewish Agenda, which claims 4,000 members in 45 North American cities, has taken positions that place it in the left-wing camp. But NJA members at the demonstration said that apartheid is not a "left-right" issue.

"All Jews can sympathize with the victims of racism," said Moscoe.

New Technion rep cites growing needs

TORONTO —

The Israel government's efforts to reduce spending have meant that it now finances 55% of the Technion's operating budget compared with over 75% a few years ago, says Mannie Shimoni, the new Technion representative in Canada.

The struggle between the needs of defence, welfare and the economy as expressed in the recent 1986/87 state budget also means that the Technion will have a deficit of some $6 million this year, Shimoni told the board of the Toronto Chapter of the Canadian Technion Society.

The government is well aware that Israel's emergence from the present economic difficulties and the creation of the preconditions for renewed economic growth depend upon high technology industries, he said.

However, Shimoni explained, with the bulk of the budget having to go to defence, debt service, transfer payments and investment, only one-tenth remains for civilian services — health, welfare and education.

It is therefore up to Technion societies throughout the world to maximize their efforts in support of the institution that trains and educates 80% of Israel's new engineers every year, he said.

"The Toronto Chapter of the Canadian Technion Society is now gearing itself to raise the level of participation on behalf of the Technion," said Sidney Cohen, president of the Chapter, in welcoming Shimoni.

"We look forward to working closely with Mannie, utilizing his knowledge of Technion in order to attract more members, and to enlarge scholarship, research and endowment gifts."

Jewish Agency VIP visiting

TORONTO —

Raymond Epstein, chairman of the budget and finance committee of the Jewish Agency, and a member of the board of governors and the executive of the agency, is visiting Toronto during Jewish Agency Week.

Epstein will speak to the executive committee of the Toronto Jewish Congress at 6.30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, at the Lipa Green Building.

Citing "this unique opportunity to bring Jewish Agency and Diaspora leadership closer together," Jerold Hoffberger, chairman of the agency's board of governors, said that Epstein's presence in Toronto "will enhance the partnership between Jewish Agency officials and the local community."

Jewish Agency Week, which features a series of visits to Jewish communities throughout North America by Jewish Agency board of governors members and senior staff, has been endorsed by Jewish leaders throughout North America.

Epstein is chairman of the excutive committee of A. Epstein and Sons International, Inc., the parent company of A. Epstein, whose subsidiaries are among the largest engineering, architectural and construction companies in the United States.

His current affiliations include chairmanship of the Jewish Agency Committee of the Council of Jewish Federations and membership on the board of directors of the United Israel Appeal, the advisory board of the American Jewish Committee's Institute on American Jewish-Israel Relations and the executive committee of the Joint Distribution Committee.

Raymond Epstein

Wicks to speak at "eye opener"

TORONTO —

Ben Wicks, one of Canada's top newspaper cartoonists, will be guest speaker at a youth-oriented United Jewish Appeal "eye-opener" breakfast meeting on Friday morning, March 7 at the Lipa Green Building.

Ben Wicks

The meeting is one of a series described by the UJA as "a cornucopia presenting the best and brightest topical speakers from a diverse range of backgrounds."

Wicks, syndicated in 145 newspapers throughout Canada and the U.S. with an estimated readership of 50 million people, is also the author of eight books and is a nationally-known television personality.

Among other experiences he will share with his breakfast audience is that of recently coordinating, with American colleague-cartoonists Gary Trudeau (Doonesbury) and Milton Caniff (Steve Canyon), the 1-day effort on both sides of the border to focus reader attention on African famine relief.

A total of 215 North American cartoonists took part in that venture last November, devoting their talents to the famine theme via their respective comic strips.

When it comes to causes, the Wicks conscience runs deep. The African famine, for instance — to which he will also address himself — isn't just something he envisioned from the comfort of his Jarvis St. office: he covered the war in Biafra, lived with rebels in Eritrea (northern Ethiopia), and saw first-hand the spectre of the starving masses.

While being acerbic is what Wicks is probably best known for — even here there is a gentle side to this Ben that diffuses with his work, say his friends.

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Organizations and People

Seeks to preserve history of Saint John Jews

Koven hopes community won't be forgotten

By SHEILA DROPKIN

TORONTO —

Marcia Koven is determined that the fast-dwindling Jewish community of her native Saint John, NB will not disappear completely.

In Toronto recently to present her slide and tape program to members of the Jewish Historical Society and to expatriate Maritimers now living in the city, she revealed her plans to "one day" found a museum to properly preserve the history of the community for future generations.

Solomon Hart and his family, who arrived in Saint John from England in 1858, are recognized as the community's founders. Others rapidly followed. By 1880, the Jewish cemetery was established, freeing the residents from the onerous task of traveling to Boston to bury their dead.

Two years later, the first Jewish wedding was held in the city and in 1890, the community's first synagogue was opened. Until 1900, the only two synagogues in the Atlantic provinces were this one and one in Halifax.

For a number of years the community had no rabbi, so Jewish couples were first united by a minister and then waited for a traveling rabbi to perform the religious rites.

In its heyday, from 1920 to approximately 1960, there were close to 350 Jewish families in Saint John, with a sufficient number of children to keep two Hebrew school teachers busy. Now there are 44 families, with a total of only six children studying Hebrew.

The weekend of Mrs. Koven's Toronto visit saw the community's first wedding in some time. She bemoaned the fact that an upcoming bar mitzvah, scheduled for April, will be the first in several years and probably the last for some time to come.

A "non-practising nurse," Marcia Koven is now working towards her Masters degree in history, taking courses at both the Saint John and Fredericton campuses of the University of New Brunswick. She plans to utilize her presentation as her Master's thesis.

Her family is typical of all the others in Saint John and similar small communities across Canada in which the children attend university elsewhere and rarely, if ever, return home. One of her daughters lives in Toronto, another in Ottawa, while her son is studying law in New York City at Columbia University and her youngest daughter is studying corporate communications at a university in Connecticut.

Her husband, Jerry, emigrated to Saint John from New York at the age of 10 and is considered "practically a native." He is one of the few remaining Jewish businessmen in the city. Yet her slides of Saint John as it once was shows street after street filled with Jewish-run stores and other businesses.

Mrs. Koven's grandfather settled in Saint John at the turn of the century and shortly afterward sent to Europe for his wife and 5-year-old son, who was to become her father.

Nearby Partridge Island served as the port of embarkation for many of the newcomers to both Canada and the United States. Many who might have had plans to go elsewhere settled in Saint John, made welcome by the already established Jewish families who saw to it that every newcomer had a place to sleep and eat.

The slides brought tears and many reminiscences to the close to 50 Maritimers who met with Koven to bring back the memories. Some of them had participated in the "Khum Aheim" reunion held in July of 1984 at which 550 "answered the call to come home." They augmented her tales with remembrances of their own as they recalled the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides troops, the basketball teams and theatricals and all of the many other elements which comprised an active, vibrant community.

Eventually, there were two synagogues which were then amalgamated to form the Shaarei Shomayim Congregation.

On tape, Koven's mother recalled how she organized the synagogue's first major dinner, from which women were excluded as guests but included as cooks and waitresses, using very limited facilities but much dedication and imagination.

"Now we have a beautiful kitchen, but no one to cook for," Mrs. Koven despaired.

The congregation has been without a rabbi for three years and one of the members, Lou Michaelson, serves as a lay reader. They frequently have difficulty assembling a minyan.

Shaarei Zedek Synagogue in Saint John, NB.

At one time, just about every Jewish organization had a chapter or branch in the city and activities at the Jewish Community Centre were popular and constant. Now the community is down to four organizations — Jewish War Veterans, Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, Shomar (the senior citizens' group) and the synagogue sisterhood.

After a similar presentation given in Montreal recently, a Saint John Club was formed. Koven hopes that the same will take place in Toronto.

"I do not ever want us to be forgotten," she said. "I set up my office (of the Saint John Jewish Historical Soceity) to assure that the community will not be lost or forgotten."

Carr, Goldstein speak at Vancouver program

VANCOUVER —

Judy Feld Carr and Rabbi Elyse Goldstein of Toronto were the featured guest speakers at Kaleidoscope 86 . . . a tapestry of Jewish Women held here for about 300 participants.

Presented by the Women's Division of Combined Jewish Appeal and the B'nai B'rith Women, the day and a half program offered five different workshops.

Now in its third year, the annual educational event is modeled after a similar presentation held in Toronto, says Vancouver Combined Jewish Appeal assistant director Rosalie Lazer.

Goldstein, assistant rabbi of Holy Blossom Temple, spoke on Opening Our Own Doors, Women and Power in the Jewish Community. Carr, chairman of the CJC's National Task Force for Syrian Jewry, discussed Syrian Jews — Forgotten Hostages of the Middle East.

Rabbi Daniel Siegel, executive director of the Vancouver Hillel Foundation and rabbi of Or Shalom was the third guest speaker. The title of his topic was: We Can Only Stay the Same if We Change . . . Will we have a Jewish Community for our Children?

All the workshop leaders were from Vancouver and included: Shayndel Feuerstein, author and educator; Judi Korbin, director, Reservations-System CP Air; Georgia Nemetz, chief of psychology, Royal Columbian Hospital.

Nancy McKinstry, stockbroker; Ruth Sigal, director of Women's Resources Centre, University of British Columbia; Marilee Sigal, counselor, Jewish Family Services; and Phyllis Solomon, educator.

The subjects covered by the workshops ranged from an examination of negotiating skills, and the management of family finances to a dialogue about ethical issues confronted in daily life.

Held in the Vancouver Jewish Community Centre, Kaleidoscope 86 was organized by Phyllis Moscovich, Linda Zacks, Hildy Barnett, Caron Bernstein, Linda Cohen, Barbara Cutler, Cathy Goldman, Gisi Levitt, Carole Lieberman, Cindy Wine, and Marcy Zalkow.

3 join committee on pay equity issue

TORONTO —

Three prominent members of the Toronto Jewish community have been appointed to the newly established Ontario Premier's Business Advisory Committee on Pay Equity.

Along with a similar labor advisory group, the committee will consult with Premier David Peterson, Ian Scott, attorney-general and minister responsible for women's issues, and senior government officials.

As members of the business group, Jimmy Kay, chairman of the board of Dylex Ltd.; Gerald Turner, president of Mount Sinai Hospital; and Ray Wolfe, chairman of the Oshawa Group Ltd., will be holding their consultations over the next few months.

"My government recognizes that both business and labor may have implementation concerns and constructive advice about the application of this government's commitment to pay equity," said Scott. "These concerns must be addressed, and addressed speedily, at the highest levels of government.

"The Premier personally desires to hear those views from leaders in both industry and labor who will be involved in implementing the principle of pay equity in a practical manner in the workplace," he said.

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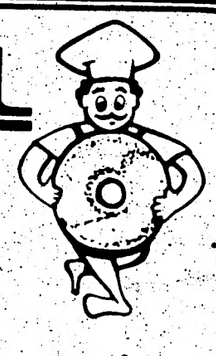

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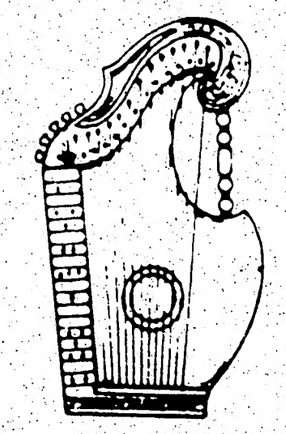

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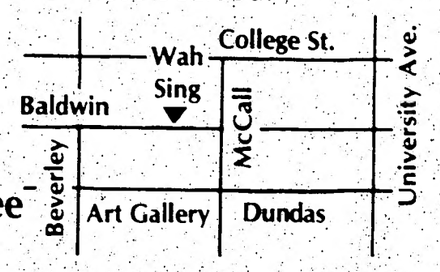

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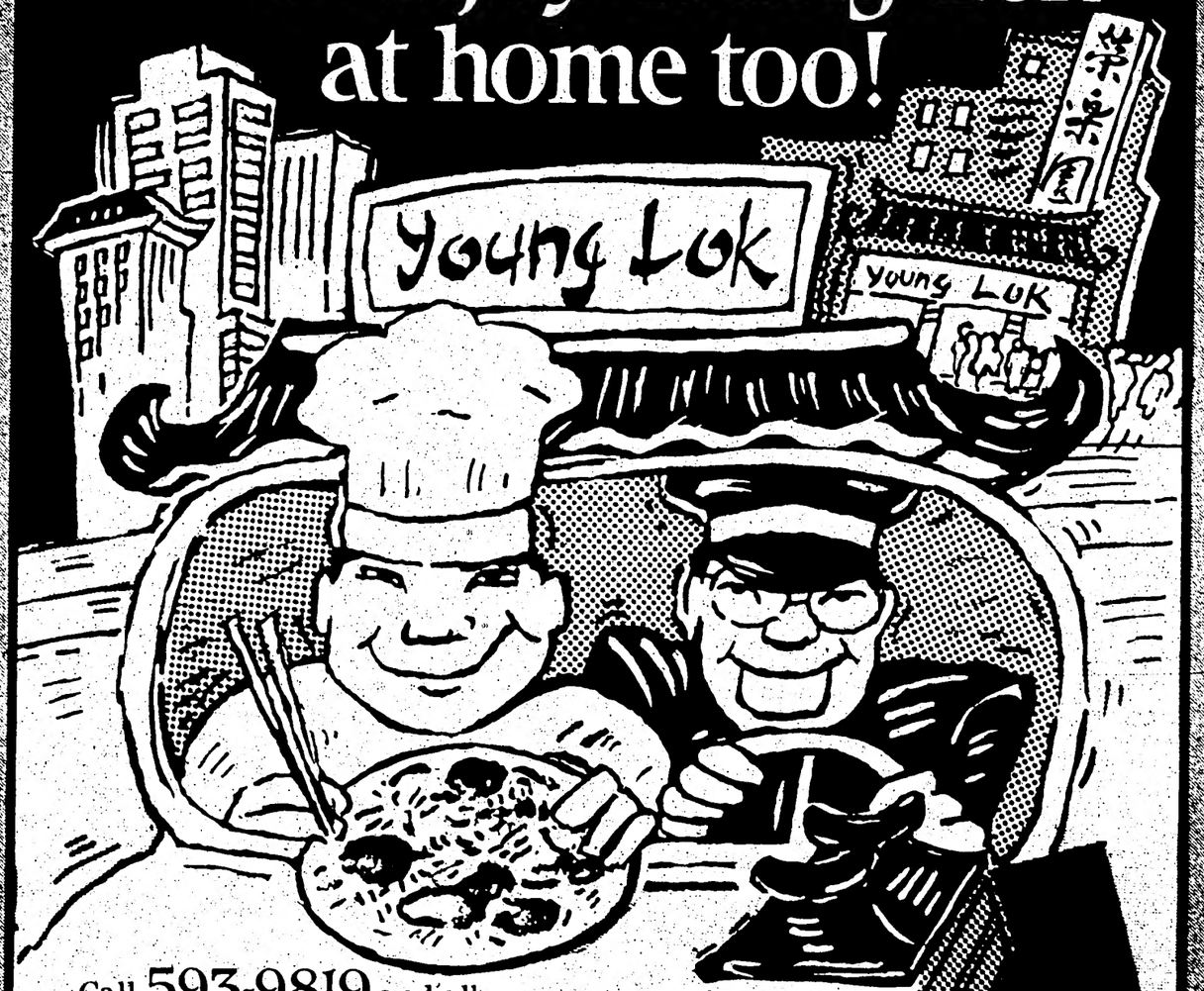

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Ontario govt. honors JIAS president Rosenfeld

By
SERGE TITTLEY

TORONTO —
—Herb Rosenfeld, a long-time activist in the Jewish immigrant aid work, has been named one of the first winners of the Ontario government's Outstanding Achievement Award for excellence in volunteerism.

Rosenfeld, national president of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Canada, joins 14 other individuals, businesses and non-profit organizations that were honored recently through the province's ministry of citizenship and culture.

The citation to the Toronto lawyer and investment management consultant says he has devoted 30 years to encouraging immigrants to integrate and become an active part of their chosen communities. The announcement was made recently by Lily Munro, minister of citizenship and culture.

"I can only say I am tremendously thrilled and that I deem it a real honor," Rosenfeld told The CJN.

He suggested that he saw the award, scheduled to be presented at a special dinner, as acknowledging the work of many people in helping new arrivals achieve success in becoming part of Canadian society.

Rosenfeld described continued government support for such work as "absolutely crucial." Through its workshops and seminars that sharpen the skills of volunteers in all sorts of organizations, the government makes possible a more effective response to social needs it cannot itself address, he said.

Rosenfeld served as president of JIAS for three years and chaired several committees. Currently, he sits on both the regional and national executives of JIAS and is a director for the international Hebrew Immigrant Aid Services.

Active with the Canadian Jewish Congress as a regional officer, he also serves as a member of seven different committees and as chairman of budget and finance, as well as treasurer, of the Toronto Jewish Congress. Rosenfeld is also a director of the Orah School for Jewish Children from the Soviet Union.

Rosenfeld said that caring for new Jewish arrivals to Canada is an especially significant form of "tzedekah." He is particularly proud of JIAS' ability to carry out its responsibilities nationally.

"We assume sponsorship nationally, irrespective of where the immigrant settles," he said, explaining that a client may expect quality service whether he makes his home in Toronto or Calgary.

He also praised the central role of Toronto Jewish Congress and the United Jewish Appeal in helping immigrants.

Rosenfeld and his wife, Riva Rebecca, are members of Beth Tikvah Congregation. They have four sons and two grandchildren.

There were 250 nominations for the 15 awards, which are being presented for the first time this year.

Munro told a press conference that the winners "epitomize the best qualities that are evident in all our volunteers."

"I believe that the quality of our volunteer efforts defines the quality of our very civilization," she said. "Without volunteers this province would be nowhere at all."

Meals-on-wheels, home nursing care favored in survey

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —
The provincial government should put more money into programs like meals-on-wheels and in-home nursing care rather than develop new nursing homes, a poll commissioned by the Ontario Nurses' Association has revealed.

The survey, conducted by Goldfarb Consultants, polled 600 people over the age of 18 from every region in Ontario with half of the respondents male and half female.

The results indicate that 77% of Ontarians are concerned about the nature and quality of care provided by the government for its elderly citizens.

Eighty-five percent of respondents said the government should put more money into programs like meals-on-wheels and in-home nursing care, while only 12% said more money should be put into construction and operation of more nursing homes.

The quality of health care received by patients in Ontario's nursing homes was regarded as fair by 39.7% of respondents and as good by 33.5%. While these figures followed closely along regional, age and income lines, they were reversed in the northern region, where 42.2% of respondents said the quality of health care was good and 33.5% said it was fair.

While close to 40% said health care was fair, a greater number said they would feel uncomfortable living in a nursing home.

Fifty percent of respondents said they would feel uncomfortable living in an Ontario nursing home, 19.6% said they would feel a little comfortable and 21.1% said they would feel somewhat comfortable.

The greatest opposition to living in a nursing home came from those in the 18-24 age category (57.3%) and those living in the northern region (58%).

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Organizations and People

School program on Soviet Jewry

CHAT students celebrate Refusenik's birthday

Students at CHAT recently helped a young Soviet Refusenik celebrate his birthday by lighting birthday candles and playing a recorded conversation with his father. Seen here, from left, are Esther Frasko, Rabbi Avner Yeshurun, staff advisor, Michael Lambert, David Debow, and Yonina Razin. [Graphic Artists photo]

TORONTO —

Students at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto recently celebrated a special birthday — that of Soviet Refusenik Efim Kelman.

Kelman, whose family applied for exit visas in 1979, turned 18, and the students at CHAT marked his birthday by lighting birthday candles on a mock cake, followed by the playback of a taped telephone conversation with Efim's father Boris.

Yonina Razin, a grade 12 student who is a member of the school's oppressed Jewry committee, said the lunchtime program included distribution of birthday cards to students with a request they each forward a personal message to Efim.

The birthday ceremony marked the second school program linked to Soviet Jewry this year. In an earlier program, several speakers addressed the students on the subject.

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Social wellbeing stressed in care of elderly patients

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

The care of the elderly must be oriented towards the physical, psychological and social wellbeing of the person, not just the cure or treatment of an illness, states a position paper recently released by the Ontario Nurses' Association.

The document, *Caring for the Elderly*, was prepared by the ONA, a union representing over 42,000 registered and graduate nurses working in hospitals, nursing homes for the aged, public health units and industries in Ontario, to examine the fastest growing segment of society.

According to the study, the elderly made up 10.5% of the total Ontario population in 1984. By the end of the century, this proportion will increase to 14% and by the year 2021, when the post-World War II "baby boomers" reach 65, it will double to 20%.

Despite the growing number of senior citizens, the ONA says our health care system has failed to address the "real health care needs" of elderly citizens or to ensure that services provided are adequate to meet their needs.

Part of this problem, states the ONA, results from Ontario's health care system being based on the "medical model," which is crisis oriented and focuses on acute care delivered in institutional settings.

While the ONA agrees that acute care may be required at some point in a senior's life, it feels that the conditions related to aging require long-term health and maintenance care to allow seniors to retain the "highest degree of independence.

"The most effective way to provide this care, in terms of health status or cost, is through community and home-based programs," the ONA paper states. "Yet Ontario has one of the highest rates of institutionalization of the elderly among industrialized nations. It is estimated that one-third of these elderly residents are inappropriately placed because of the lack of funding for alternative services."

In calling for changes to the current system, the ONA said the government's first priority should be to allocate a greater proportion of resources to public health units, community health centres, and other home-based and community-based services as alternatives to institutionalization. This recommendation, said the ONA, is supported almost unanimously by respondents to a recent ONA poll (see related story on page 27).

While welcoming recent government initiatives to expand funding for home and community based care (CJN Feb. 13), the ONA said this is only a small step towards improving care to the elderly.

The ONA said in order for the provincial government to allocate adequate resources for public health and community services, it must eliminate the current structure of cost-sharing with municipalities. At present, municipalities must match any increase in provincial contributions.

The ONA said 100% provincial funding is necessary to ensure that every elderly person has equal access to programs of comparable range and quality. It said that at present, inadequate funding has contributed to disparities in the provision of home-based services such as meals-on-wheels, transportation assistance and homemaker services.

Jerry Berman, supervisor of home services with Coordinated Services to Jewish Elderly, confirmed this, saying that meals-on-wheels programs are fragmented with varying levels of service across the city.

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Alexander will attend BB Covenant Breakfast

TORONTO —

Lincoln Alexander, lieutenant-governor of Ontario, will be the guest of honor at the 31st annual Covenant Breakfast of the Toronto Regional Council of B'nai B'rith Canada to be held 9 a.m. Sunday, March 2, at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St.

The breakfast, with its theme of Brotherhood and Goodwill, will be chaired by Ralph Snow, first vice-president of the council, which is the co-ordinating body of the 30 B'nai B'rith lodges in Toronto.

Winnipeg lawyer David Matas, senior counsel for the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith Canada at the Deschenes Commission of Inquiry on War Criminals in Canada, will speak on the commission and its impact on Jewish community.

Attending the breakfast will be federal, provincial and municipal representatives, leaders of the Jewish and general communities as well as leaders and members of B'nai B'rith in Toronto.

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Organizations and People

Volumes from earliest days of printing

Jacob Lowy collection of rare books displayed

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —
Part of the Lowy Collection of rare Hebrew works is currently on display in the Mills Memorial Library at McMaster University.

Jacob Lowy was a Montreal industrialist and philanthropist who fled to England in 1938 from central Europe and who all his life collected first and rare editions of ancient, medieval and rabbinic Hebrew literature and the Bible.

His collection of several thousand volumes dating from the earliest days of printing and extending over five centuries was considered one of the three foremost private collections of rare Hebraica and Judaica in the Western hemisphere.

In the National Library of Canada since 1977, it was the single most valuable gift ever received by that institution.

On view at McMaster are some 150 items from the collection, including title and internal pages from rare Bibles and Hebrew Incunabulas — books produced in the earliest stages of printing before 1500.

The display represents a cross-section of the collection and although most exhibits are from books printed in Italy, Switzerland, Holland, Portugal, Spain and France, all areas of Jewish settlement are represented, including North America.

As well, there are samples of practically every language which has been written in Hebrew characters, from Aramaic and Judeo-Arabic to Yiddish, Judeo-Spanish and Karaitic Tatar.

Among the earliest example are pages from Maimonides' Mishnah Torah, published in Rome more than 500 years ago and from the works of Josephus Flavius, published in 1470, the first Hebrew books printed in Naples, 1467, and the first book published in Lisbon, 1489.

The exhibits include one of the first musical transcriptions ever printed, the first published tracts, with diagrams, of Joseph Solomon Delmedigo of Crete, a pupil of Galileo, printed in Amsterdam in 1628, an illustrated Passover Haggadah printed in Germany in 1763 as well as the first Christian Bible Commentary ever printed (1481).

The exhibit continues until March 6 and is located in the main floor corridor and on the second floor landing of the west wing of Mills Memorial Library at McMaster University in Hamilton. For information call (416) 525-9140.

An illustrated catalogue is available at $23.50 from the National Library of Canada in Ottawa. Information can be obtained from Andrea Paradis, exhibition liaison officer, (613) 993-5168.

Endowments to Hebrew U

By
DAVID LEVY

OTTAWA —
Two new endowments totaling $20,000 for the Hebrew University were announced at the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University's 60th anniversary celebrations here recently.

About one person for every year of the organization's life participated in a candlelighting ceremony — Ottawa community leaders, members, friends and graduates of the university and Israeli exchange professor Dr. Emanuel Gutmann — with one candle lighted for each decade. A screening of the film The Impossible Dream and a sherry reception followed.

The two endowment donors were a husband and wife — political science professor at Carleton University, Dr. Khayyam Z. Paltiel, and Freda L. Paltiel, a senior official with the federal department of health and welfare.

Their endowments were, respectively, for social policy studies in the Hebrew University's political science department and for studies in the field of health and development of women at its School of Public Health and Medicine.

Eliashiv Ben-Horin, Israel's ambassador to Canada, led the tributes to the Hebrew University's wide-ranging contribution to world culture and science. He recalled going up to the university from Haifa in 1940.

The ambassasdor called the Hebrew University the "alma mater of all the Jewish people everywhere."

Dale Rakowsky appointed Hebrew U Friends director

TORONTO —
Dayle Rakowsky, former Toronto assistant director of State of Israel Bonds, has been named new Ontario executive director of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University.

Rakowsky, an alumnus of York University, the University of Western Ontario and the Ontario Teachers' College, replaces Jack Robinson, who recently stepped down after 26 years as the Friends' Ontario director.

In a recent interview, Rakowsky said she is "hoping to build on the sturdy foundation that Jack left behind." A major priority, she said, is the Friends' upcoming dinner honoring Ron D. Barbaro, president-elect of Canadian operations for the Prudential Insurance Co. of America.

Barbaro, the Metro Toronto Zoo's volunteer chairman, is slated to receive the Hebrew University's Scopus Award at a dinner-dance to be held April 21 at the Four Seasons Hotel.

Funds raised by the dinner will be used to establish the Ron D. Barbaro Chair in Veterinary Medicine at newly established School of Veterinary Medicine.

Rakowsky said that one of her major goals is the development and encouragement of the Friends' New Leadership Group. She will also be placing an emphasis on raising new endowments.

Dayle Rakowsky

$5,000 cash draw at B'nai Shalom

TORONTO —
B'nai Shalom North Congregation is holding a $5,000 cash lottery draw with proceeds going to the congregation's day nursery and heritage language program, organizers have announced.

Only 2,500 $50 tickets will be sold and the odds in the lottery are described as excellent, organizers say. With the purchase of one ticket, the chance to win is one in 2,500; for two tickets, 1 in 1,250, etc.

For every $50 ticket sold, a $46 tax deductible receipt will be issued. Anyone who sells 25 tickets will receive one ticket free. The draw will be held at the synagogue, 275 Arnold Ave., Thornhill, at 8 p.m. June 4.

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TORONTO —

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Loberg is the exclusive representative for the building situated in the slightly rolling hills and tree-lined streets of the lower village of Forest Hill.

Only 12 suites remain out of a total 17, and the building is scheduled for completion within a month. The residences will appeal to people ready to downsize their living accommodations, but who wish to live in the area, says Loberg.

Loberg claims the price for the 2 and 3 bedroom suites (from $295,000 to $577,000) is 20 to 30% less than any other comparable luxury condominium.

The foyer and other areas of the building are finished in oak paneling and marble flooring, and the concierge desk at the entry will offer both security and a doorman.

On the main floor there are a card room, and library with books available for the residents. At the back of the main floor, a sunlit party room opens to a garden patio.

Furnishings from the Art Shoppe will add the finishing touches to these areas, says Loberg.

The elevator up to the suites is key operated, and other security features include cameras, alarms in each suite with a medical panic button, a computer console on the concierge desk, and even alarms to prevent entry by fire exits.

The elevators open on to foyers outside each suite (only two suites per floor and only one on each of the three top floors), and a code-imprinted key allows personal access.

To ensure safety as well as security, each residence has two fire escapes.

The suites range from 1,600 to 3,200 square feet, 1- and 2-storeys with two or three bedrooms. Ceilings are almost 9 feet high throughout.

Double herringbone hardwood floors run throughout the spacious rooms which are light and airy because of well-placed large windows.

The kitchens have Italian cabinets manufactured by Snidero with lazy susans, lots of drawers, and such state of the art appliances as a computerized refrigerator, and a microwave oven included.

Individual heating, air-conditioning and electrical controls are housed within each suite as are a washer and dryer off the kitchen, and a garbage shute.

The main bathroom off the master bedroom in each residence has a Jacuzzi bath and a glassed-in shower and master bedrooms feature large walk-in closets.

The 3-bedroom units have parking for two cars, and the 2-bedroom units have parking for one car. There is also security parking for guests.

From the rooftop garden there is a majestic view of Winston Churchill Park, downtown and Lake Ontario.

Says Loberg about the building as a whole: "It's really like a home — it's not like an apartment at all."

The condominiums are now open for viewing by appointment only. For more information, contact Loberg at 483-7600

This artist's rendering depicts how the new condominium at 425 Walmer Rd. will appear under the sunny skies of a spring day.

Electrohome big screen answers viewers' needs

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

In an age when everything from cars to calculators are compact, Electrohome has proven that good things can indeed come in large packages.

Electrohome's newest television is a 37-inch model with what is billed as the world's largest picture tube.

"It is a statement of technological wizardry," says Elan Azar, sales training manager for Melkit Marketing, a division of Mitsubishi who market products under the Electrohome brand name.

Azar says that a few companies have manufactured bigger TV screens but only on projection sets which produce pictures that are "dimmer and fuzzier than any glass tube delivers."

"Besides, to make them seem as bright as possible projection screens are made so that you have to sit almost directly in front of them. Move a little to the side and the picture blurs."

Azar notes that no such problem exists with the new Electrohome. "The brightness is high and it is as sharp as a 20- or 26-inch model. Because the picture is sharp no matter how close one sits, any size room can accommodate the set."

He adds that the set, available in stores in April at $5,000 plus tax gives a picture viewing area double that of the 26-inch model and more than three times as big as a 20-inch model, the TV size bought by more viewers than any others.

Azar explains that the picture tube was "years in planning because the company had to engineer a tube that is strong yet not too heavy and also one in which the electrical current is strong enough to produce a clear and accurate picture. "It shows tremendous technological achievement."

He notes that the beauty of the set is in its high tech design. "The cabinet is sleek and contemporary and because there is very little wood, it does not appear too big."

He points out that the TV is a stereo set into which hi-fi enclosures can be plugged with no extra amplifier needed. There are also inputs for straight video and audio signals for an even sharper picture and it can be used as a computer screen.

"The wireless remote control also has tint, color and brightness adjustments on it."

Azar notes that Electrohome, a Kitchener firm, is a division of the Mitsubishi Company, so identical sets will be found under either name.

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Major new trend

Interest in fashionable lingerie gains momentum

By
LORI SMITH

The 1980s will be known for a number of fashion trends. Though we are just a little over the half way mark this decade has seen and continues to witness the rebirth of many past looks: the 1960s Beatlemania and Age of Aquarius styles, the Jack Kerouac-on-the-road-beat-poet-dressed-all-in-black look, the 1950s' Chanel suit and the urban cowboy way of dressing to name a few. But a major new trend is the interest of most women in fashionable lingerie.

Irene Eisenberg, a sales agent for Maurice Eisenberg Enterprises Ltd., the Toronto firm that represents Perri Ann Lingerie, Anna Medalye, Etchings Ltd., Feminine Mystique Lingerie Co., Universe Imports Ltd., and Bridal Creations (all manufacturers of lingerie and sleepwear), says that there has always been fancy undergarments and women who would buy them. But in the 1980s the average girl is also buying them.

> "Now the average girl is also wearing a teddy or tap pants."

"Now the average girl is also wearing a teddy or tap pants. That type of thing. Pretty lingerie is what they are wearing now."

And this spring there is going to be lots of pretty lingerie for women to choose from.

Eisenberg shows a splash print collection. Done in either blue on white or yellow on white, it includes a nightgown, dressing gown, pyjamas, camisole, tap pant and teddy. She says that color and prints are very important this season, as is lace.

Among the items in the Bridal Creations collections Eisenberg represents is a lace and satin nightgown with a swiss dot lace wrap designed for a bride. She says that white is not the biggest color — cream is.

In terms of fabric she says that jacquard satin is very popular and a fair amount of cotton remains "in."

Phyllis Freeman, a partner in John Freeman Sales, the company that represents Huber, a line of undergarments manufactured in Austria, explains that Huber is all done in soft combed cottons (80% cotton and 20% polyester).

This spring the line will feature a number of printed and solid cottons in soft pastels. Nightgowns, dressing gowns, camisoles, panties, pyjamas and tap pants in white, buttercup, mint green and pink, the colors that are the strongest in floral prints and in lingerie in general.

In addition Freeman explains that Huber offers men's undergarments also. Underpants, undershirts and pyjamas are offered in similarly pale colors. But for men, gray and yellow are popular.

Huber underclothes are available at the major department stores and better specialty stores across Ontario.

Bridal Creations and the other lines represented by Eisenberg are available in The Dream Shoppe, La Vie En Rose and better lingerie stores and boutiques.

A Swiss dot vaile over antron gown from Jacqueline pour Femmes. (Ronny Shinder photo)

Pure silk teddy with matching cosmetic coat trimmed with French lace. By New Sensations. (Ronny Shinder photo)

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Fashion

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Bill Haire designs timeless clothing with fashion flair

By
LORI SMITH

Designers of daywear career clothing often tread a precariously fine line between creating garments that are too basic and creating garments that are not basic enough.

But Bill Haire, a designer for Canada's own Irving Samuel, walks that particular tightrope with ease.

This spring's Bill Haire for Irving Samuel collection of suits, jackets, pants and tops features the blend of fashion forward styling and paradoxically, the conservative elegance that mark a garment that is already a classic or destined to become one.

Irwin Shapiro, the corporate merchandiser for Irving Samuel, explains that the line's strength lies in the fact that it is neither avant garde or basic. It is timeless clothing with a fashion flair.

The fabrics used in the collection include 60 mummy silk, jacquard crepe de chine and linen, rayon and silk blends. The colors range from neutrals like taupe, sage, peanut butter, cream and navy to bright sherbert shades like turquoise, green, white, pink and canteloupe.

Shapiro says that Haire designed all the prints in the collection. These include an aborigine-jungle inspired pattern in neutral tones, a retro 1960s print in brighter colors and multi-square and grid design patterns.

But it is in the area of design detail that Haire truly excels. The pants in the collection feature a back seam, his signature.

Jackets range from shirt styles to basic peaked lapel designs, but some of the more innovative pieces feature details like open, geometric backs, flowing pleated backs, inverted back pleats, back tabs, a slit back and myriad collar styles.

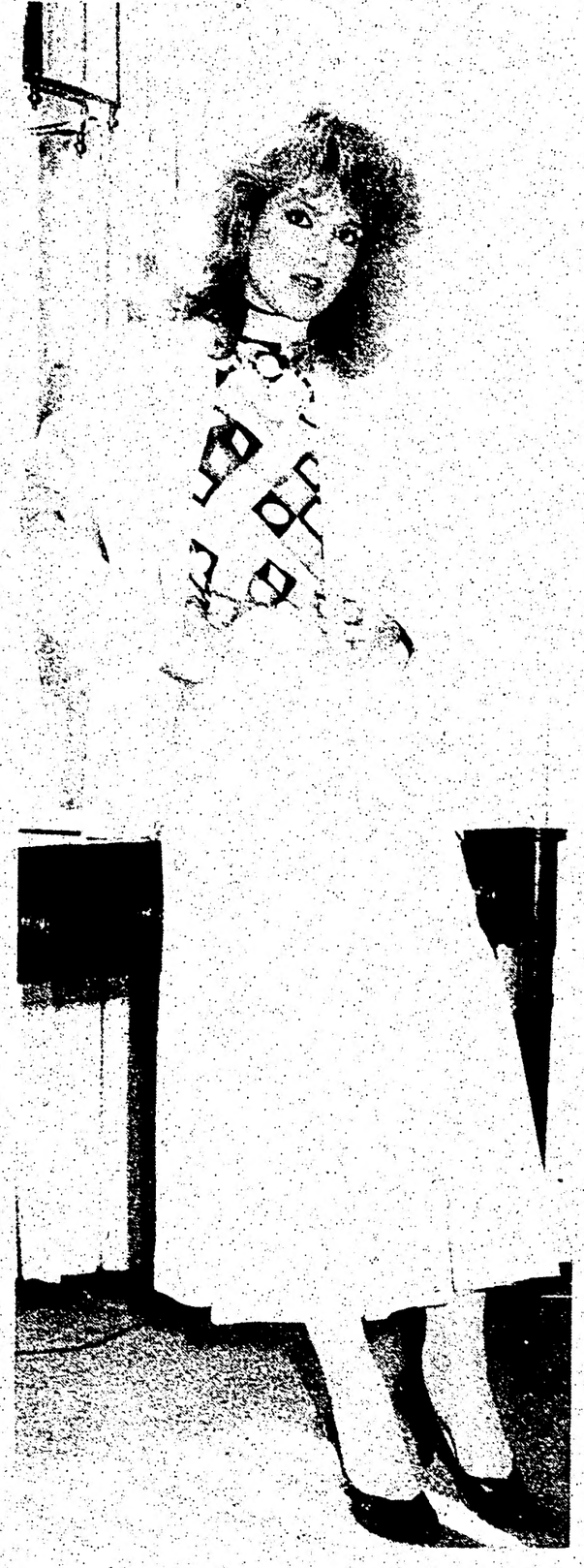
Tops include long sleeve shirts with lapels and french cuffs, a sleeveless silk turtleneck top with inverted shoulders worn as a blouse (it is one of the key bodies in this spring's fashion) and shorter sleeved, classically-tailored camp shirts.

The skirts offered in the collection come in two lengths: 26 inches and 32 inches. The styles of shirts include lean, narrow, straight designs, flowing, flared 32-inch skirts, mock wraps with dropped waists, sarong looks, and classic front zipper styles.

Bianca Paradis, publicity and public relations co-ordinator for Irving Samuel, says that a walking short is also included in the line.

The cumulative effect of the collection is that it is able to offer every woman something. Paradis says it can take a woman from work to play. And it will be every bit as fashionable and classic in the upcoming years.

The Bill Haire for Irving Samuel line is available at major department stores and better specialty stores across Canada.



A rayon/silk blend skirt ($210) with box pleat and matching jacket ($230). Bianca's top is a Picasso design silk turtleneck ($140). By Bill Haire for Irving Samuel.

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Fashion show helps fight against disease

For over eight months, volunteers and friends of the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (Toronto Chapter) have planned the inaugural Young Toronto Fashion Designers' Show, Chasing A Dream, which will be held Wednesday, March 5 in the Commonwealth Ballroom at the Holiday Inn Toronto Downtown.

There will be two shows on March 5, at 6 p.m. and 8.30 p.m., with all proceeds from ticket sales going to help fund treatments and research for cystic fibrosis, North America's most widespread genetic disease.

The format of the fashion show is unique in that it includes a competition for fashion design students under the age of 25 from the following five colleges in Metro Toronto: The Fashion Academy, George Brown, Ryerson, Seneca, and Sheridan.

The 20 semi-finalists chosen in mid-January by a panel of eight distinguished judges will each create three to five garments for the show.

Tickets for the show are on sale now at the Holiday Inn Downtown and at the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Office at 2 College Street, 2nd floor.

Tickets are $10 for the 6 p.m. show. The second show costs $25, begins at 8.30 p.m. and includes presentation of awards and door prizes.

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By BERNARD BASKIN

The Joy of Reading, by Charles Van Doren. General Publishing. $29.95.

Benjamin Franklin was once asked the question, "What condition of man most deserves pity?" He answered: "A lonely man on a rainy day who does not know how to read."

An increasing number of young people can't read. They will not choose to sit down with a book when the weather is inclement — or indeed at any other time.

Statistics indicate that the number of identified non-readers today is three times greater than in 1970. Twenty-seven million Americans cannot read at all, not even the poison warning on a can of pesticide. A further 35 million read only at a level which provides bare survival needs in our society. The United States ranks 49th among 158 members of the United Nations in its literacy level. Canada is not much higher up the ladder. The two most literate nations on earth are Switzerland and Israel.

A new threat to reading are cassettes that enable the passive listener to enjoy all forms of literature from the great classics to detective stories. Listening is easier than reading. Will the cassette library, in time, supplant the more familiar variety? Will the reader become a rare and besieged species in a society tuned increasingly to sophisticated technology?

27 million Americans can't read at all

Henry David Thoreau, the sage of Concord, advised: "Read the best books first or you may never have a chance to read them at all." Ah, that sounds like excellent advice, but who is to say which books are the best? This is where Charles Van Doren enters the picture with The Joy of Reading, his personal choice of 210 favorite novels, poems, essays and works of philosophy, history, social and political science.

The author, an esteemed educator, contends that every book he has chosen has something important to say about something important. He confesses, moreover, that over the years he has fallen in love with all of his selections.

In 143 brief and spritely essays the author, maintaining a tone of friendly and cultivated talk, discusses works as varied as the Ethics of Spinoza, Moby Dick by Melville, The Jungle Books by Kipling, Selected Poems by John Donne and The Plague by Albert Camus.

The only Canadian work on the list is the Deptford Trilogy by Robertson Davies. Van Doren holds that "the first part of, Fifth Business (1970), is the best of the three; World of Wonders (1975), the last part, is nearly as good; the second part, The Manticore (1972), is weaker than the other two. But the work acquires its real distinction when it is read as a whole."

It isn't likely that the average reader will plunge into some of the more formidable and specialized works that deal with science and philosophy. But Van Doren brings enthusiasm, knowledge and a distinctive, sometimes idiosyncratic, approach to all of his material. He is always a witty and engaging guide as he introduces us to many of literature's most imposing monuments. This distillation of a lifetime of reading and thinking encourages us to explore the books that matter more deeply and enjoyably.

Brazil takes page from 1984

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Brazil, Terry Gilliam's phantasmagoric film, is certainly not, as the title may suggest, a cinematic trifle about that sunny South American country.

Far from being a lightheaded romance or frivolous comedy, Brazil is a shocking, strange and surrealistic account of a bleak, post-industrial dictatorship.

Now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, Brazil owes its inspiration to the master of that genre — George Orwell. Although Brazil is based on an original script by Gilliam, Tom Stoppard and Charles McKeown, it is remarkably like *1984*, that chilling masterpiece of the surreal.

Brazil, which is set "somewhere in the 20th century," is about Sam Lowry (Jonathan Pryce), a member of the power elite who revolts against a system torn by rampant terrorism.

The society in which he lives is gray and cheerless and omniscient. It is governed by numerous regulations and many more lies. Everywhere you look, you see a poster with the words, "loose talk is noose talk."

Sam, whose father was a minister in a previous government, and whose vain mother has powerful ties to the Establishment, works for the Records department, a bureaucratic maze where men in 1940s suits work with odd computer-like machines which might have passed for computers in futuristic magazines of long ago.

Much to the disappointment of his mother, Sam scorns ambition and success. He is not interested in a promotion to Informational Retrieval, one more agency that keeps a close watch on the restive population. But after seeing Jill (Kim Griest), his dream girl, he changes his mind: He can only find her address if he has access to Information Retrieval's secret files.

Sam has a tendency to daydream and imagine he is a winged creature flying through fluffy candycane clouds to the accompaniment of Brazil, a jaunty song which symbolizes his desire to be free.

Eventually, Sam locates Jill. But lifelong bliss is not to be his. The system exacts revenge on him. This is not your typical happy ending. Which is why the chairman of Universal Pictures kept Brazil on the shelf for one year. Fortunately, he came to his senses.

In Brazil, Universal has a highly unusual and original film on its hands. Visually, Brazil is a tour de force. The sets are simply astounding. And the script is inventive and literate. It is no wonder that Brazil has been nominated for Academy Awards in these areas.

Yet Brazil is not a film of universal appeal. Totally unconventional, always unpredictable and quirky in ways which are sometimes infuriating, Brazil is really a cult movie, as one trenchant observer has noted, with a limited audience.

But if you want a little adventure, a few surprising jolts, by all means go see Brazil. In this respect, it will definitely not disappoint you.

The Beggar's Opera opens Tanenbaum Opera Centre

TORONTO —

The Joey and Toby Tanenbaum Opera Centre, located at Front and Berkeley Sts., will be inaugurated Feb. 26 with a production of John Gay's *The Beggar's Opera*.

First staged in London in 1728, it's a racy 2-act opera dealing with the brigand highwayman MacHeath and his band of cutthroats, doxies and molls.

The Canadian Opera Company production will feature Gaetan Laperriere as MacHeath and Arlene Meadows as the Hogarthian strumpet, Mrs. Peachum.

Tickets are $25.

Society to screen four short films

TORONTO —

Four short films, David and Goliath, For Out of Zion, Lubavitch and This Golden Land, will be screened at the next meeting of the Toronto Jewish Film Society at 7.30 p.m. March 2 in the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St.

The society describes the films as follows:

David and Goliath is an animated film "that not only captures the struggle between a giant and a boy but illustrates the contrast between spiritual weakness and spiritual strength."

For Out of Zion is a depiction of the role of the Torah in Jewish life and tradition with special attention to the making, ornamentation and chanting of the scroll.

Lubavitch deals with the special intensity and vigor of the Lubavitcher chassidic movement and many of the religious values and practices common to all observant Jews.

This Golden Land is an episode from the old Gunsmoke television series and centres on a Jewish immigrant family which settles in the old West.

At the society's final meeting of the season 7.30 p.m. April 6 in the Lipa Green Building, a short film, Song of the Negev, and a full-length documentary Image Before My Eyes will be shown.

The society welcomes as members those "interested in exploring the Jewish experience on film and the opportunity of becoming a more informed viewer." For further information call 663-7770.

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By VIVIENNE MUHLING 483-9331

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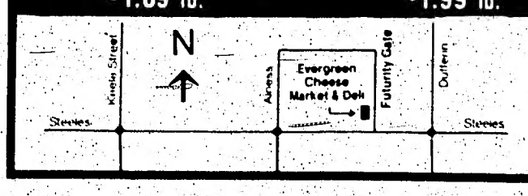

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Otto Lowy doesn't disappoint

The Transcontinental takes listeners on magic voyage

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Canadians coast to coast tune in to it religiously on Sunday right after the 6 o'clock news. And Otto Lowy, the genial host of CBC FM Radio's *The Transcontinental*, rarely, if ever, disappoints his audience.

The format is unique. Lowy, a Czech Jew who immigrated to Canada in 1948, welcomes his listeners aboard the Transcontinental, a train which carries them on a journey through time and space to European destinations which exist only in imagination and reminiscence.

Whether they're visiting a concert hall in Vienna, a pub in London or a cabaret in Berlin, Lowy sees to it that his guests are comfortably seated and totally at ease in their surroundings. Between his recordings, in rich, cultivated and world- weary tones, Lowy lovingly relates his stories and anecdotes, creating a quintessential central European ambience that is by turns charming, romantic, dreamy, smoky, dusky, nostalgic and, ultimately, irresistible.

Since starting The Transcontinental six years ago, Lowy has never been happier. Lowy, who has been an actor, playwright, and translator, receives about 30 letters every week from his devoted fans. "It is the first time in my life that I have had such contact with an audience," he said. "I have become part of the weekend routine of somebody who might live 3,000 miles away. I have friends all over Canada."

Lowy, who lives and works in Vancouver, usually deals with general themes on The Transcontinental, which grew out of his earlier series, *A Night at the Operetta*. But once in a while, he goes from the general to the particular.

Last year, he did a program of Jewish songs in which he recalled his grandfather's Passover table in Bohemia. On March 2, he'll deal with the Yiddish music of shtetlech in Poland and Russia. And in the future, he plans to devote an entire show to the Yiddish version of Fiddler on the Roof.

Lowy, who sounds uncannily like CBC foreign correspondent Joe Schlesinger (a fellow Jew from Czechoslovakia), runs The Transcontinental virtually alone. He researches, writes and broadcasts each segment, although Barbara, his wife, corrects his grammar.

"CBC just leaves it to me," he said the other afternoon over a cup of tea in a downtown Hungarian cafe. "It wouldn't work if it had several people. It would lose its touch, its personality."

In presenting The Transcontinental, which has a different theme each week, Lowy strives to evoke dreams and desires, fulfilled and unfulfilled. He said he never mentions the words "records" and "recordings," because they would rob The Transcontinental of its special atmosphere.

There is no danger he will run out of material, which is precisely what happened after two years of doing A Night At The Operetta.

The Transcontinental was launched when Lowy, at CBC's suggestion, was invited to create another program, but one with a broader base and more of his own inimitable stories.

On the day he was driving to CBC's Vancouver studio to tape the first episode of The Transcontinental, Lowy's new Capri slid on the rain-slicked road and slammed into another car. He was badly injured, and doctors told his wife he might be dead by the next morning.

He barely made it. His hips and pelvis had been broken, and his cracked ribs had pierced his lungs. But Lowy, who is a survivor in the finest sense of the word, recovered. After four months in hospital, he arrived at the CBC to do The Transcontinental.

The accident left him in pain and with a slight limp. To this day, Lowy, who was once rather athletic, has difficulty negotiating stairs.

Otto Lowy, host of CBC radio program, The Transcontinental, is presenting a show on Yiddish music, Sunday, March 2, on the FM network.

Born in Prague, the son of Ernest and Erna Lowy, he was raised in a city that is still an architectural gem. "Like so many Jews in Prague, my parents were assimilated. Judaism was not in their daily lives, but it was there culturally and socially. On the High Jewish holidays, we went to synagogue."

Thanks to his mother, who had imbued in him a love for music, Lowy survived the war by going to Britain in 1939. She had heard that no visa was necessary if a refugee arrived in England before April of that fateful year. Safe in Britain, at 18, Lowy joined the expatriate Czech army and eventually the Czech Air Force, a squadron of the RAF.

After the war, Lowy found out that his parents, as well as 35 relatives, had perished in the Holocaust. At the invitation of friends, he immigrated to Vancouver. Lowy liked Britain, but he felt like a "welcome stranger" there. Canada was different. "From my first day in this country, I felt like a new Canadian."

Not long after coming to Vancouver, Lowy landed his first acting role in a semi-professional stage production. Soon afterwards he got his first radio job with the CBC. In the intervening years he churned out original radio scripts and translated German, Austrian and Czech plays.

Lowy wrote TV scripts for *The Manipulators* and *The Beachcombers*, and did commercials as well. Recently, he appeared in several segments of The Beachcombers. Later this year, on CBC's *Ideas* program, he will narrate the script he wrote on the Terezin concentration camp.

Lowy has every intention of carrying on with The Transcontinental. "As long as the CBC wants the train, the train is there," he said.

If Lowy's listeners have their way, The Transcontinental will neither slow down nor fade away.

Cantor's daughter wins Musical Legacy Award

music

By
RICK KARDONNE

Karen Weingort

Don't think that just because Karen Weingort's father is Cantor Severin Weingort of Temple Sinai, she was a shoo-in to receive Temple Sinai's 1986 Musical Legacy Award, presented each February to an outstanding young musician, and whose previous winners have included Yuval Fichman and Barry Shiffman.

Her musical credentials as a concert pianist are deserving by any standard.

Now a top student at New York's Juilliard School of Music, Weingort will be performing the challenging contemporary piece Lines by Luciano Berio at Alice Tully Hall in April.

One can hear her piano excellence on Feb. 21 when, as part of the award recital at Temple Sinai, she will present a recital that will include music by Bach, Beethoven, Prokofiev and two of this century's leading Jewish composers, Schoenberg and Gershwin.

Weingort began her studies at the age of 8. She entered the Royal Conservatory at the age of 13 and studied theory and history and piano with Juilliard graduate Adrienne Shannon.

After receiving a performance diploma from the conservatory, she entered the University of Toronto music faculty where she continued study with Shannon, who planted in her the first seed of Juilliard consciousness.

Up to this point, Weingort had attended summer music classes at the Banff School of Fine Arts and the Nice International Summer Academy, having won scholarships to both. Eventually, she left the U of T and travelled to Vienna, where she met and worked with Paul Badura-Skoda.

However, Weingort says, "The distance from home was so great that I began to look towards New York where I was sure to have the opportunity to be close with my family, maintaining the same course of study. My attention was therefore drawn towards Juilliard.

"It had just invited Oxana Yablonskaya (the great Russian emigre pianist) to join the faculty and I was fortunate enough to be accepted by her. I have found in her a teacher, friend and the guidance and encouragement which is greatly needed at this time."

While Weingort states no preference for any one particular composer or style, she has participated in Juilliard's annual Focus concert series, which features mainly contemporary music. The series is directed by Joel Sachs, who is also the director of the New York New Music Consortium. It is under the aegis of Focus that she will perform the Berio work this April.

Weingort's future plans are to remain in New York after her graduation in May, with a Master's degree, and continue to prepare for concerts and competitions with Yablonskaya.

"I have made many contacts in New York and the opportunity to perform as soloist and in chamber music is very promising. I hope to return home for work and maintain some kind of residence in Toronto because of my family."

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Rivka's Golani's concert at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Feb. 23 will be accompanied by one of Toronto's most durable, sensitive pianists, Patricia Parr.

Born in Toronto, Parr has had a brilliant career since her first recital at age 6. Before she was 10 she appeared as soloist with the Toronto Symphony, Rochester Civic Orchestra and New York Pops in Carnegie Hall, earning the distinction of being the youngest artist to ever play with those orchestras. A Town Hall recital at age 11 won her the further acclaim of New York critics.

Since then, she has had numerous appearances with the Guarneri String Quartet, Rudolf Serkin Marlboro Music Festival in Vermont and the Orford String Quartet. Parr and TSO principal cellist Daniel Domb perform as the Domb-Parr Duo. She has appeared with the Philadelphia and Cleveland orchestras as well as the Toronto Symphony.

For further information regarding her performance with Rivka Golani in the concert, which will also feature Cantor Louis Danto, call Beth Emeth at 633-3838.

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Boris Brott, who will be conducting the Royal Conservatory Orchestra Feb. 28 at Church of the Redeemer (Bloor-Avenue Rd.), is conducting, as well as the Hamilton Philharmonic, the newly constructed Halifax Symphony.

Soviet-Jewish emigre Senia Trubashnik, is regarded as one of the greatest living oboists, joined the Halifax Symphony especially to perform under Brott whom he greatly admires. Lloyd Newman, highly prominent in Jewish organizational life in the Maritimes, plays a pivotal administrative role.

It is very much hoped that the Halifax Symphony will be able to last beyond this season. Large-scale Atlantic Canadian cultural organizations face economic problems peculiar to the region.

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Violinist Lorand Senyves and pianist Patricia Burr will join violist Rivka Golani for the Feb. 25 concert at 8 p.m. at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue in a benefit for Ezrat Nashim Hospital in Jerusalem.

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A look at Broadway

Chita Rivera sets a sizzling pace in Jerry's Girls

GERRY MORRIS, The CJN's critic of New York plays, reviews two of 19 plays he has seen which are currently running on Broadway. He is a member of Outer Critics Circle, Drama Desk and American Theatre Critics Association.

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JERRY'S GIRLS

Jerry Herman makes no bones about the fact that he is a Broadway composer and lyricist who works for a mass audience and not for intellectuals. His music is melodious and sentimental, but lamentably, not very fashionable in the Broadway musical theatre of today.

Herman is not afraid to be simple, a quality that helped Irving Berlin thrive in his career. It was this legendary tunesmith who left the deepest imprint on Herman's songwriting. He once said: "Berlin's shameless use of melody thrills me. The most important thing a composer can do is to write songs that audiences can leave the theatre humming." He aptly calls them "take-home songs." Like Berlin he had no formal musical education, and never learned to read or write music.

Herman became the boy wonder of the musical theatre in 1961 with his Broadway debut in Milk & Honey. He was then 28 years of age. The show dealt with Americans visiting Israel and Herman's fine score ranged from traditional Jewish harmonies to modern American idioms.

Hello Dolly was written in 1964 and it became a Broadway blockbuster, running an incredible seven years. In the meantime the title song assumed an independent life of its own. From the female baritone rendition by Carol Channing, it was picked up by the trumpet of Louis Armstrong and it was his whiskey-voiced version that gave it the all-time definitive treatment. (Louis did the same for composer Kurt Weill with Mack the Knife.)

"Mame followed in 1966 with Angela Lansbury in the Broadway lead. Again the focus was on a glamorous woman walking down a sumptuous staircase in the Ziegfeld tradition. The show ran for 1,500 performances.

Caricature of Gerry Morris by Al Hirschfeld.

Herman suffered a commercial dry spell of 16 years, replete with depression, which saw the failure of three successive shows (Dear World, Grand Tour, Mack & Mabel). That ended when La Cage Aux Folles opened to critical and box office acclaim in 1983. In June, 1984, he beamingly accepted a Tony Award for his prodigious efforts.

Jerry's Girls, an all-female revue now appearing at the St. James Theatre on West 44th St., is a retrospective of Herman's songs spanning the past 25 years.

In 1981 the show began as a small cabaret act. Subsequently developed for the stage, it toured extensively, and ultimately blossomed into a full scale production — going all the way.

The expanded presentation included 40 Herman songs (many of them conjuring up the catchy soft-shoe aura of vaudeville), a 25-piece orchestra, with 120 lavish costumes bedecking the gorgeous bodies of eight beautiful song and dance girls, who give solid backing to the "gold mine" talents of three Tony award winners: Chita Rivera (The Rink), Leslie Uggams (Hallelujah Baby), and Dorothy Loudon (Annie).

It is Chita Rivera who sets the pace — and it sizzles! The ageless Ms. Rivera is the "triple-threat pro of all time." There's not a thing she can't do well. She dances like a whip, acts with depth and aplomb and can belt out a song that will knock your socks off. To put it succinctly, she's devastating!

Leslie Uggams has obviously been motivated by the dynamic presence of Rivera, for she stretches her talents to the hilt. The sensuous beauty's steamy treatment of If He Walked Into My Life (Mame), and I Won't Send Roses (Mack & Mabel), and Kiss Her Now (Dear World) is done with a depth and skill not previously associated with her technique and style. Her voice has developed a clean, torch-style quality unmarred by vacuous feelings and phrasing. She sings the many songs with a new kind of maturity.

Most of the evening's comedy is handled by Dorothy Loudon, but in Act II she steps out and sings the deeply moving Time Heals Everything (Mack & Mabel) with a surprising display of taste and vocal prowess.

Choreographer Wayne Cilento has created some sprightly dance routines, and costumes by multi-award winner, Florence Klotz, are stunningly designed. The direction of Harry Alford is sharp, imaginative and well-paced.

Herman's songs are light and lively and quickly humable, and if he lacks the innovative twists and richness of a George Gershwin, a Harold Arlen or a Cole Porter it is no discredit to him.

Rivera, Uggams and Loudon purveying his tuneful Broadway melodies will furnish you with a slew of take-home songs that you don't have to declare at Customs.

St. James Theatre, 246 West 44th St. For tickets call Teletron (212) 947-0033.

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LILLIAN

Lillian Hellman died in 1984 at the age of 79 of cardiac arrest in her summer home on Martha's Vineyard.

Born of well-to-do German Jewish stock in New Orleans, she was considered one of the four or five most important American playwrights of our time. Among Hellman's plays that have entered the modern repertory are The Children's Hour, Watch on the Rhine and The Little Foxes, which was about a southern family obsessed with money and power. Hellman later claimed the play was based on her underlying resentment toward her mother's materialistic family.

The Children's Hour raised the then taboo subject of lesbianism and it was this play that ultimately paved the way to a new freedom in the theatre.

She also achieved great success as a Hollywood screenwriter (Dark Angel, Dead End, The Searching Wind, North Star, etc.). Rebellious, fiery and headstrong, she had a rich and tumultuous life that was riddled with controversy.

Lillian is a 1-woman play dazzlingly brought to life by Australian actress, Zoe Caldwell, the 2-time Tony award winner. Her uncanny resemblance to the wilful, chain-smoking dramatist has been created by some extraordinary makeup (false aquiline nose, coifed reddish-blond wig, etc.) and there is no doubt Caldwell captures the Helman mystique — both in her look and in her sound, all the way down to her brawny laugh.

The 2-hour monologue is based for the most part on her 3-volume autobiography (Unfinished Woman, Pentimento, and Scoundrel Time). The public can best identify Hellman by Jane Fonda's sympathetic portrayal of her in the 1980 Hollywood film Julia (based on a chapter in her memoir, Pentimento).

The action in Lillian begins on Jan. 10, 1961, in the waiting room of the hospital where mystery writer, Dashiell Hammett, Hellman's lover, friend and mentor lies dying. As she waits she reminisces on her tempestuous relationship with the brilliant alcoholic Hammett. They met, she said, "when he was getting over a 4-day drunk, and I was getting over a 4-year (childless) marriage." She speaks of her lonely childhood, her parents, the love for her Black nanny, her career, and there is a riveting sequence that deals with her left-wing politics.

Hellman is most known for having refused to bow before Joe McCarthy and the House Un-American Committee in 1952. In a letter to the committee making clear her position, she wrote: "To hurt innocent people whom I knew many years ago in order to save myself is for me inhuman, indecent and dishonest. I cannot and will not cut my conscience to fit this year's fashion." For this she risked imprisonment for contempt of Congress, was blacklisted, and saw her income drop from $150,000 a year to virtualy nothing.

In Scoundrel Time, some 25 years later, she commented on her disillusionment: "My belief in liberalism was mostly gone and I think I have substituted for it something private, called, for want of something that should be more accurate, decency . . ."

William Luce has written Lillian with a wonderful style, respect for his subject and a great love of language. Ben Edwards has designed an undistracting and minimal set. Robert Whitehead, director, has given the entire production a deft and intelligent presentation.

The Ethel Barrymore Theatre on West 47th Street is definitely the place to be if you want to see Zoe Caldwell give one of the virtuoso performances of the Broadway season.

Ethel Barrymore Theatre, 47th St. west of Broadway. For tickets call Telecharge (212) 239-6200.

Collection features works of 34 Canadian Jewish poets

By ARNOLD AGES

Aside from the cover, which is melancholy-provoking in its sombre tone, Seymour Mayne's anthology of Canadian Jewish poetry is a happy landmark in the maturation process of this country's Jewish artists-in-words.

Called *Essential Words: An Anthology of Jewish Canadian Poetry* (Oberon) the Mayne collection features the works of 34 representative poets who have fused that je ne sais quoi in the Canadian ambience with a Jewish rootedness and identity.

In a finely chiseled introduction to the poets he introduces in the anthology, Seymour Mayne (one of the few Canadians to have his poetry translated into Hebrew and published in Israel), suggests that Jewish Canadian poets are "on the whole recognizable by their emphasis on the human dimension, the translation of the experience of the immigrant and the outsider, the finding of joy in the face of adversity, the linking with tradition and the concern with history in its widest sense."

Mayne also observes that Jewish poets have come to the fore at the precise moment when Canadian literature in general is emerging from the shadows. Again, he notes that the Jewish poetry is informed by an urban experience and a psychological realism. Among the Jewish poets, moreover, there is an urgency in the desire to share a feeling and a concern.

Two poets in particular, A. M. Klein and Irving Layton are seen by the editor to have made special contributions to belles lettres in Canada. Klein was the perfect intermediary between English and French Canada and was able to provide a unique perspective to the Canadian scene. Layton's uniqueness, on the other hand, derived from his challenge to contemporary literary sensibilities.

There are several attractive features in the anthology.

He has included in his preface and selection nine women poets whose poetic verve carries a special grace. Mirriam Waddington is well represented as is Shulamis Yellin. Phyllis Gotlieb, a gifted Torontonian has her place here as well.

It is a merit that Mayne has also featured some of the lesser known women poets. Susan Glickman, Gertrude Katz, Sharon Nelson, Janis Rappaport, Nancy Gay Rotstein and Helene Rosenthal show their talents as well.

The selection of men among the Jewish poets is judicious. Mayne has featured the well known — A. M. Klein, Irving Layton, Joe Rosenblatt, Leonard Cohen, David Weisstub and Hyman Edelstein — but also some of the younger and lesser known bards.

In this latter group can be found people like Avi Boxer, Mick Burrs, Stanley Cooperman and K. V. Hertz.

Two writers, Eli Mandel and Norman Levine, show themselves to be formidable poets as well.

Another figure known primarily for his journalism and non fiction books is best selling author George Jonas whose book Vengeance dominated the charts last year. Jonas displays a sensitivity to the resonance of words which is astounding, especially in view of the fact that he came to Canada from his native Hungary as an adult.

His poem, Once More, is a chilling portrait of the murderers (Nazi?) among us. The last stanza reads: "Caution causes me to glide through the walls / at night to stand beside them just to see / how long they have to wash their hands before / they turn the light out and they go to sleep."

This sad note is not, of course, characteristic of the poems in the anthology. Jewish poets sing of love and beauty and hope. Nature imagery, as one might expect, is extravagant. Israel and the Holocaust are also present in their poetic scenarios.

While there is little religious fervor in a specific sense in the poetry presented here, there is nonetheless a healthy reverence for the sacred moments. Several poems deal with biblical stories and figures and there is one beautiful selection on the chassidic view of messianic times.

This new anthology of Canadian Jewish poetry gives evidence of the vigor which now animates a whole new generation of poets who, despite wide differences of taste and background, are building on the older traditions of Jewish poetry in order to construct their own particular Jewish esthetics.

Beth Jacob students present own play

TORONTO —

Beth Jacob High School presents A Rose Among Thorns at the school auditorium, 410 Lawrence Ave. W., on Feb. 23 and 24. It begins at 8 p.m.

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Two musicals show the difference

There's a right and wrong way to revive old chestnuts

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Nostalgia can be a terribly tricky thing. It's especially so with musical comedy.

If you try to tamper with the original material — either lampooning it or updating it — whatever charm it originally had can be as corny as Kansas in August.

But if you try to capture the original spirit of the thing — and perform it with sincerity and verve — it can sparkle and shine as in days of yore.

Two nostalgia musicals currently playing around town illustrate the right and wrong way to revive old chestnuts.

Let's deal with the half-baked specimen first.

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Dancing In The Dark, which is scheduled to run at Theatre-in-the-Dell until March 15, has a misleading name.

Actually, its title ought to be lengthened to read Dancing In The Dark And Groping Blindly For A Script.

It's too bad that this musical comedy doesn't quite come off because David Warrack, its producer and musical director, had a good idea initially.

He conceived the notion of hiring four attractive Toronto performers to sing and dance in a lightweight comedy confection incorporating songs of the 1930s by those wonderful Tin Pan Alley composers — Arthur Schwartz, Howard Dietz, Leo Robbin, Harry Ruby and Frank Loesser.

Sounds good, right? No, it's wrong for two reasons.

Toronto writer-performer Harvey Patterson has confected a story line too absurdly fragile to tie together the Broadway and Hollywood hit songs.

It deals with two Toronto songwriters (played by Patterson himself and Paul Brown) who meet two comely girls (Gloria Parker and Charlotte Moore) on a train ride to an Alberta dude ranch at the height of the Depression.

The romantic conflict arises when the Gloria Parker character, who owns the near-bankrupt ranch, falls in love with the Patterson character, but keeps spurning him because she mistakenly thinks he's a homosexual.

Tinkers with lyrics

Needless to say, the two couples fall into each other's arms in the last act after putting on an improvised stage show that bails out the financially threatened dude ranch.

Flimsy though it may be, this trifling plot would perhaps be acceptable, if only it weren't hoked up with contemporary references. Mississauga, to take just one example, is specified beyond belief as a Toronto suburb in the 1930s.

Furthermore, Warrack is not content with accepting the wonderful ballads on their own old-fashioned terms. He has tinkered with the lyrics of that great standard song, *Famous*, replacing a line like "little old Rhode Island" with intrusive Canadian placed names and thus ruining it.

In fairness, it must be said that the performers are gifted enough to resurrect some fragmentary good moments, despite the misguided efforts of this wrecking crew.

Charlotte Moore and Paul Brown, a pair of look-alike elves with rubber faces, join Gloria Parker, who was delightful as a Jewish yenta in *Yuppies*, in a hilarious rendition of *Triplets*.

And Patterson himself, when not hamming it up, is splendidly romantic when singing the theme song, *Dancing In The Dark*.

Sum up: A so-so musical trifle which shows you shouldn't mess around with proven classics.

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On Your Toes, at the Royal Alexandra Theatre until March 22, is a period piece that remains absolutely true to the flavor, the language and the music of its period when it first electrified Broadway in 1936. As a consequence, this New York road company revival remains an enchanting humdinger of a song-and-dance show.

Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart were responsible for the lustrous songs. The most memorable of them is the imperishable standard, *There's A Small Hotel*. And even the lesser-known ballads — *Too Good For The Average Man* and *Glad To Be Unhappy* — continue to titillate with their witty coupling of lines, as in "Mother had a snootful/ Yet I was born beautiful."

George Abbott, now 95, was responsible for the book and direction of both the original and the current revival.

To his credit, Abbott has not attempted to fool around with the charming, though implausible, plot. It concerns a former vaudeville hoofer turned college music professor who persuades a touring Russian ballet company to stage a jazz ballet written by one of his students.

The original musical was remarkably innovative for its time because it was the first to integrate classical ballet with popular Broadway fare, thus blazing a trail for *Oklahoma!* and today's would-be Agnes De Milles.

George Balanchine, then an emigre Russian choreographer in love with American jazz and its racy gangster folklore, created for the musical that fantastic fusion of Old and New World ballet styles, *Slaughter On Tenth Avenue*.

You may have seen the jazz ballet when it was inserted, as a spectacular climax, into the Gene Kelly movie, *Words And Music*. Hedre it's a marvelous blend of American breeziness and Bolshoi elegance as personified by its co-starring dancers: Michael Kubala of the American Ballet Theatre and Valentina Kozlova who was a former Bolshoi principal.

Her husband, Leonid Kozlov, a former Bolshoi star who also fled to the U.S. seven years ago, dances with equal panache in a gorgeously costumed spoof of classical ballet titled *Princess Zenobia*.

Personally, I found most engaging an *On Your Toes* American-style ballet which highlighted an exhibition of jitterbug dancing with the respect it justly deserves as a folk art.

Sum up: Glorious nostalgia festive enough to make you kick up your heels with pure joy.

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Travel

Anniversaries in Texas, Arkansas and New York

Special events south of the border mean fun times

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

HOUSTON —

At the Battle of San Jacinto on April 21, 1836, American settlers under Sam Houston defeated Mexican troops and Texas freed itself from Spanish and Mexican control. This spring and summer throughout the state of Texas there will be celebrations to mark the 150th anniversary of the Republic of Texas. In 1845 the area joined the United States as the 28th state.

The first two weeks of April will see the Houston Festival in action, a nonstop cultural extravaganza of performing artists, sound and light installations, craft shows and dining on international food.

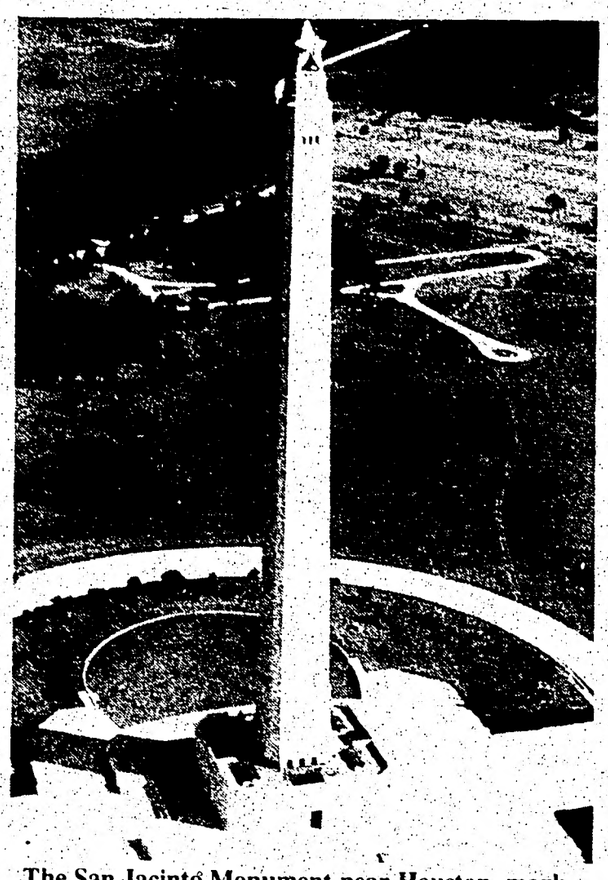
Everywhere in the city there will be music and entertainment, from downtown plazas at noontime till the wee hours on weekends in parks and neighborhoods.

This centre of the oil industry, with its ship channel to the Gulf of Mexico ablaze with oil refineries, will continue the festivities throughout 1986.

In the Texas capital city of Austin the 150th anniversary of freedom from foreign rule started in mid-January and officially continues to early March with parades and over a hundred historical, musical, theatrical and just plain fun events. Charles, Prince of Wales, is on the program and will visit the state capital as well as other Texan cities during the celebrations.

In mid-April the city of Austin will hold a Wine and Food Festival where wine growers of the Texan hill country about Austin will host wine tastings, food sampling of southwestern American cuisine.

There will be not only wine from Texas, but also from France, Germany, California and Australia, the latter group also celebrating that country's sesquicentennial.



The San Jacinto Monument near Houston, marking the battlefield where Texas gained its freedom in April 1836 from Mexican occupation, an important site in the Texas sesquicentennial celebrations this spring.

Many scenic attractions

Planned along with the vintages and food are seminars on the culinary arts, music and dancing.

But Texas is not the only area south of the border to have special events this year. The less well known state of Arkansas also marks its 150th anniversary of statehood, having been admitted as a state in 1836 as the 25th state of the United States. There will be celebrations in the capital city of Little Rock as well as other communities.

While not as popular with Canadians as Texas, the state has many scenic attractions among its mountains, national forests, underground caverns and Civil War battlefields of the 1860s.

In New York this summer the major celebrations will be for the Statue of Liberty, which marks its 100th birthday. There will even be a new stamp issued for the celebrations on July 4.

The statue has been fully restored in the past two years. It was originally built as a memorial to the French and American revolutions of the 1770s. It has been the focus of eyes of millions who have come to North America as immigrants over the past century; for those who came by ship the first sight of the New World, and for later newcomers a place to visit on gaining American citizenship.

There is a plaque on the Statue of Liberty written by New York-born Jewish poetess Emma Lazarus which reads: Give me your tired, your poor/Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free/The wretched refuse of your teeming shore/Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed, to me:/I lift my lamp beside the golden door.

In New York also at the Museum of Modern Art there will be an exhibition of architecture and furniture by Belgian-born Mies van der Rohe on the 100th anniversary of his birth. The exhibition will last till April 22, featuring the work of the man considered the most influential architect in the years following World War I.

Weekend train adventure

There will be some 300 drawings, many models and large mockups of structural details, with special emphasis on his work in the United States after World War II.

After its New York showing, the exhibit moves to the Museum of Contemporary Art at Chicago from May 8 to Aug. 10.

Railway buffs who enjoy traveling on old time trains have a new weekend adventure awaiting in Corpus Christi, Texas, where the Tex-Mex Express started operations early this year. The train consists of a diesel locomotive pulling four coaches and a lounge car, enough to carry 304 passengers at 50 miles per hour from Corpus Christi to Laredo.

The scenery along the 157 miles (251 kilometres) is of Texas ranchland, with mostly cactus and mesquite. The color scheme of the railway rolling stock and uniforms of the crew is green, orange and white, the colors of the longtime Texas-Mexican Railway. It is more than 40 years since the last Tex-Mex Express operated.

These are just a few of the many special events south of the border this year.

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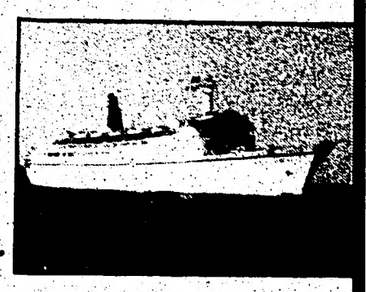
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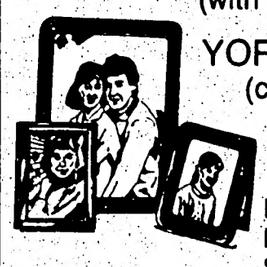
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Travel

French Quarter can't be beat

Old-time jazzmen tell it like it was in New Orleans

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

NEW ORLEANS, LA — If you are a jazz aficionado you will want to be here in May when the Jazz and Heritage Festival is being held. But if you can't come then to hear the great and almost great jazz players, you can hear jazz any time of the year in the old French Quarter.

It was in Preservation Hall on St. Peter St. that this travel reporter stood jampacked with dozens of others to see and listen to the old-time jazzmen put out the real product with astonishing vigor. Here, in a very plain setting, you can listen to the jazz veterans with piano and trumpet, telling it like it was.

And all along Bourbon St. and its sidestreets you can't miss the sounds of jazz coming from open bars, lounges, taverns and courtyard restaurants.

There is now even a Jazz Museum on Conti St. with relics, mementoes and memorabilia of jazzdom's yesterdays. This year the New Orleans Jazz Museum marks its 25th birthday. Here you can see Louis Armstrong's first horn, hear the sound tracks of early jazz and the music of marching jazz bands.

New Orleans is something different in American cities. It is an important seaport, a city with and old quarter which recalls the days of French and Spanish regimes in the 17th and 18th centuries, a city of gardens and magnificent estates open to visitors, and a modern metropolis of skyscrapers, luxury hotels and gourmet dining spots.

New Orleans traces its beginnings of European settlement to the days of French King Louis XIV in 1682. You'll find some of the buildings in the old French Quarter near the waterfront dating back over 200 years, today an area of shops, restaurants, and modern hotels in ancient structures.

Everywhere there are ornate ironwork balconies along the narrow streets, and courtyard gardens behind the street-front buildings.

The Spanish came in the 1760s and remained for about 40 years. They built government palaces of which the Cabildo is still standing and used for the Louisiana State Museum. It is near Jackson Square, a park where artists display their paintings for sale and will sketch you while you watch the crowds of sightseers, the 1-man performing bands and the horse-drawn carriages which come by.

The city returned to French hands in 1801, and rather than see it fall into British hands during the Napoleonic wars, the newly-formed United States bought all the French-controlled territory under the Louisiana Purchase Treaty of 1803 for $15 million — then a great sum. It has been United States territory ever since, though the British tried to seize New Orleans during the War of 1812. They were defeated by General Andrew Jackson, whose equestrian statue is on Jackson Square, and who had as allies Choctaw Indians, Creoles, Negro slaves and the pirate Jean Lafitte.

Should you come to this seaport at the mouth of the Mississippi River, you'll find here the Louisiana Superdome with a seating for 80,000 spectators; the highrise International Trade Mart with a Maritime Museum on its 31st floor from where you can watch the traffic on the river and even talk to some of the ships by radio-telephone, and one of the world's largest causeways — the Pontchartrain, a bridge-like structure 24 miles (38 kilometres) long from New Orleans to Mandeville across Lake Pontchartrain.

New Orleans is noted for its fine restaurants which serve mainly meals of Creole taste, spicy and based on French, Spanish and African recipes. You can dine also in the finest American or Continental cuisine in courtyard open-air restaurants under tropical trees or high up on rooftops of highrise hotels.

The city can be toured by usual sightseeing bus or by the old-fashioned Charles St. streetcars, or by horse and buggy, and can be seen from the Mississippi River on a number of paddle-wheel old-style cruise boats.

From the waterfront you can even take seven days or shorter cruises up the famous wide river to other cities like the Louisiana State capital Baton Rouge, the Acadian area around Lafayette west of the river, to Natchez and Vicksburg, visiting old plantation homes at stops along the river.

Within the city are numerous fine garden estates and parks, and ornate white marble cemeteries, as much of the ground is marshy. And there is so much more, in addition to most exciting night life entertainment.

(New Orleans has eight synagogues including the oldest in the Mississippi Valley. There are also synagogues at Baton Rouge, Alexandria and Shreveport.)

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Travel

Takes senior citizens around the globe

Goldstone becomes "retirement" escort

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —
For some retirement means long days with nothing to do. However Monty Goldstone has turned the twilight years into a whirlwind of activity.

Goldstone, 72, said after retiring at age 66 from his job as a property management supervisor he took six months off and then decided to get active again.

"With all the discussion about early retirement people are concerned about a lack of things to do when they retire," Goldstone noted.

Goldstone had no such problem.

Starting with a part time job at an exclusive men's wear store, Goldstone said he eventually decided he wanted to travel and became a tour escort.

Finest education

Today he leads senior citizen tours to various locations around the world for I'm Proud to be Me Travel Inc. (222-2313) and Cannon Tours and Travel (481-6177). In his travels, Goldstone has visited Spain, Scotland, California, Eastern and Western Canada and England, where he hails from.

Currently on a tour to Florida, Goldstone said he will be taking tours to Portugal on March 18 and Italy on April 5.

As a freelance tour escort Goldstone is responsible for carrying the travel agency's program, as well as suggesting tours, making sure hotels are satisfactory and taking care of problems encountered by fellow travelers.

"I enjoy travel and like people," said the robust senior. "Travel is the finest form of education there is. Books are OK, but there is nothing like seeing countries for yourself."

About nine months ago Goldstone managed to get further involved in the travel business when he became active in dispensing travel tips for seniors on television shows. He has appeared on three episodes of CFTO's Lifetime show as well as on local community programs on channel 10.

Spare time at premium

When he is not on the road, Goldstone finds his spare time at a premium as he keeps busy working two afternoons a week as a volunteer at Mount Sinai Hospital's gift shop.

He is also active in Adath Israel Synagogue where he is chairman of the Brotherhood's community relations committee. In this capacity Goldstone runs bingo games at various nursing homes.

When he's not working, Goldstone said he likes to go to the law courts to listen to criminal cases. In the summer, Goldstone likes to play golf and visit Harbourfront and Ontario Place.

The most important thing Goldstone stresses is that there is plenty to do once you retire.

"In retirement one doesn't have to lay down and die," he says. "I didn't know what I would do before I retired, but I've been fortunate to try a number of things."

Children's Festival set as Niagara Falls event

TORONTO —
Niagara Falls is well known for its natural wonders, but the brain trust behind the Ramada Hotel Fallsview is hoping to add another late winter attraction to the region.

Starting on March 7 and running through the 9th, the hotel is holding the 1st annual Children's Festival as part of a series of events organized by Ramada Canada to raise money for the Easter Seal campaign.

The program is designed to offer something even for the most jaded kid. There is a toy and book fair, face-painting, sports and children's talent competition.

Also on the agenda are a children's theatre, musical recitals, a presentation by the Niagara children's dance troupe and Ian Wallace's Sandwich presentation, based on his popular book.

But the headliner, the main attraction at the festival will be Bob Schneider, the children's entertainer who appears in the CBC television series Vid-Kids. He will present his 1-hour musical extravaganza accompanied by 12 children from the Niagara area.

Schneider will also headline a summer entertainment at the hotel — a 90-minute musical entitled Every Kid's a Star, which also features 12 area kids.

The premiere of the show will be held on March 29 at a black tie dinner theatre benefit for Easter Seals, with regular presentations to run the last two weekends of May, throughout June and the first weekend in July.

For more information, contact the Ramada Hotel Fallsview at (416) 357-5200.

Puerto Rico hotel offers Passover holiday package

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Plays Paul Robeson at Leah Posluns

Ex-Argo Mack has traded gridiron for the stage

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

One of the major criticisms directed at the Canadian Football League these days is that fans can't identify with the players.

They don't seem to have noticeable personalities — or at least they're not around long enough for their characters to show through.

Not like the halcyon days when Leo Cahill was coaching the team (he's general manager now). With stars like Joe Theisman, Jim Stillwagon, Jim Corrigal and Mel Profit on the team, they were always entertaining and always acting up.

One man from that colorful crew of charismatic characters of the early 1970s, still "acts up." Gene Mack, the team's starting strongside linebacker back on the Argo's 1971 Grey Cup (losing) team, has parlayed his many talents into a professional acting career.

These days, Mack can be seen in the Leah Posluns Theatre's production of *Are You Now or Have You Ever Been* where he plays singer-actor Paul Robeson. According to critics, he virtually steals the show.

And why not — the multi-talented Mack's achievements stretch far beyond the gridiron. Back at the University of Texas, which the 6 ft. 3 athlete originally attended on a basketball scholarship, Mack was involved with the school's repertory troupe and drama workshop.

In this scene from an Argo playoff game in the early 70s, Mack plays the part of a linebacker whose team has just been eliminated from Grey Cup competition.

In recent years he's had roles in films like Tribute, Mrs. Soffel and Separate Vacations, on television shows (SCTV, Seeing Things) and on many commercials.

When he attended university in his home state of Texas, Mack found time to join the Reserve Officers Training Corps where he learned judo and hand to hand combat to go along with his skills in various racquet and field sports.

And even before that, in the early to mid 60s, Mack started out as a musician, playing trumpet in a "dance band, doing a lot of Chicago stuff, jazz" and other contemporary music.

But it was his skill in football and his good size — he's still a svelte 220 lbs. — that led the Minnesota Vikings to make him a 4th round draft choice and the Argos to simultaneously pursue his services.

Mack, an outgoing sort if ever there was one, joined Cahill's crazy crew in 1970 and signed a series of five 1-year contracts "because I figured I'd go home. I stayed because I liked the city," he says, and he's remained, on and off, ever since.

Mack joined the Argos just as that eclectic group was about to make a bid for the national championship, and he stuck around until former quarterbacking great Russ Jackson took over the coaching reins.

Trouble was, with a crew like the one Cahill assembled, they were tough to rein in. Mack recalls that he and Jackson, "God bless his soul, didn't agree on anything, except that the sun rises in the east and sets in the west."

When a coach and a player disagree, you can guess who ends up looking for other work.

"I had a bad year that year (1975)," Mack admits, but so did the rest of the team, and Mack proceeded to tell the media just that.

Next thing he knew, Mack was with the Vikings — just in time to join their Super Bowl-bound team. He saw spot duty in the championship game against the awesome Oakland Raiders, coming in on passing downs and playing on the kicking team.

No matter how well he played, nothing was going to stop the Raiders that day, as Al Davis' boys in black and silver thumped the Vikes 32-14. "They had a good day," Mack says in understated fashion.

Comparing the experience of playing in the Super Bowl versus the Grey Cup, Mack says diplomatically "I was equally psyched up."

Mack returned to Hamilton of the CFL in 1978, where he spent one season. "I tried to forget it," he jokes. "Have you ever been to Hamilton for an extended period? Enough said."

Since that time Mack has kept himself in playing trim — "I can still play four downs anywhere" — and he's watched the CFL change over the years.

Mack, who spends six to seven months every year in Toronto and the rest of the time acting wherever jobs come up, says the league is "like a house that needs repair."

He's happy Cahill is back at the controls of the Argos, saying he'll be good for the team. Mack hopes he can follow Cahill into the broadcast booth as a TV or radio announcer.

"You don't notice (visible) minority sportscasters in Canada," he says.

In the meantime, acting provides the main means of expression for the jovial thespian. While he's no longer the young and brash footballer who pulled down $2,000 fines (he won't say what for) or who wore see-through caftans on team flights (with the proper under-attire, Mack protests) he is still brash.

"I'm still a kid," he says. "When you stop being a kid at heart, you lose your desire to challenge new things. And that's the reason I'm an actor — to do things seen by an audience that's expressive and deemed entertaining by them. That's a challenge."

Mack is certainly entertaining as Paul Robeson, according to the critics. (Critics are nothing new to him, since in his philosophy "directors are like coaches and theatre critics like the sports media.")

Anyone interested in seeing Mack at the Leah Posluns theatre can do so until Feb. 22. If you're an Argo fan planning on attending, he asks that you bring along any old Gene Mack football cards, or send them to him care of the LP Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St., Willowdale, M2R 1W6.

BB teams in 'Peg tourney

By
DAVID PIERSON

TORONTO —

Sixty of Toronto's finest hockey players from the B'nai B'rith men's hockey league are in Winnipeg this week to play in the national B'nai B'rith championship.

Two teams from A division and an assortment of players from the B and C divisions make up the contingent that will represent Toronto in the national championship.

It promises to be a competitive tournament with two teams from Montreal, three from Winnipeg and one from Calgary and Edmonton rounding out the tournament lineup.

The Toronto teams will play a total of four games, with hopefully a playoff and final championship game to follow at the tournament's conclusion on Sunday, Feb. 23.

In addition the players will attend a Saturday social and a Sunday brunch at the International Inn and take in a Winnipeg Jets-Chicago Black Hawks game on Friday evening.

It will be a few days of exciting hockey and The CJN will have all the results once the ice has settled and a new national champion has been crowned.

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Business Outlook

Seen at a recent meeting of the Business and Professional Women's Group of Toronto Women's Canadian ORT are (from left) Karen Rubin, Marcia Rafelman, Lyn Feldman, guest speaker Senator Anne Cools, and Irene Szylinger.

Non-traditional careers

ORT scholarships to benefit women

TORONTO —

A new scholarship fund designed to benefit women pursuing non-traditional careers was launched recently at a meeting of the Business and Professional Women's Group of Toronto Women's Canadian ORT by Dorothy Shoichet, past president of Women's Canadian ORT.

On the program for the meeting was an address by Senator Anne Cools, whose topic Women in Non-Traditional Career underscored the importance of the new scholarship.

Business and Professional chairperson Judy Singer spoke with enthusiasm about the new scholarship fund saying it "will not only enable women to enter careers in non-traditional disciplines, but will also encourage them to do so."

Harriet Morton, national president of Women's Canadian ORT, speaking from Nice, France, while attending an International ORT executive meeting, expressed pride in the leadership role taken by the Business and Professional Group in Toronto in sponsoring such "progressive and innovative" training for women.

"ORT," she said, "has long been in the vanguard of technological training, and it is gratifying that Canadian ORTists are pioneering such forward-thinking strategies."

Rabbi Elyse Goldstein in Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple complimented the initiatives of ORT's Business and Professional Group. "This kind of scholarship will create unique opportunities for Jewish women to break into previously closed occupations," Goldstein said. "From this, the Jewish Community has so much to gain."

Baruch Browns, an artist and Hebrew calligrapher, is designing a certificate to be presented to contributors to the scholarship fund, it was announced.

Investments outside Canada

Mutual funds diversifying

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

During the last quarter of 1985, stock markets in Canada performed well. But like markets elsewhere, those in Canada have their ups and downs.

Fortunately for investors, economic circumstances in Canada are not necessarily representative of conditions elsewhere around the world, where economies may be booming while Canada's may be in the doldrums.

To take advantage of the growth potential outside Canada, some mutual funds are offering the opportunity to invest capital in funds which spread their acquisitions worldwide, buying and selling as world conditions dictate.

One such fund — The Global Strategy Fund — has been quite successful in the few months since it was introduced to Canada, says Shoshana Lev, an account executive at Bache Securities.

On July 30, 1985, when it was introduced as a new issue, it was listed at $9.30. Early in February, it traded at $11.98 — a growth of 11% during its first three months, she says.

What makes the Global Strategy Fund successful is its diversity and its management team, says Lev. The fund's manager — Worldwide Capital — is advised by N. M. Rothschild International Management company, the London-based investment group which has centuries of experience, she says.

Their approach is to diversify investments among stocks in Europe, Asia and North America — "buying a basket of corporations all over the world" — and to call upon their worldwide network of investment managers for advice to determine stocks with the greatest growth potential.

Shoshana Lev

N. M. Rothschild has diversified its $8 billion of assets around the globe, with about 41% in the U.S., 17% in Japan, 12% in West Germany and 7% in the United Kingdom.

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It was the Rothschild's successful track record in providing advice for the Global Stategy Fund in the U.S. that prompted investors to go for the Canadian version, Lev says. Since it started four years ago, the U.S. fund has averaged 26% growth, she says, which compares favorably with other mutual funds.

And Lev predicts a growing trend of mutual funds going international. They can even be part of your RRSP package, though tax laws limit the non-Canadian value of your retirement plan to 10% of its value, Lev says.

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The Readers Ask

By

MURRAY SHERR & BUNNY BERGSTEIN

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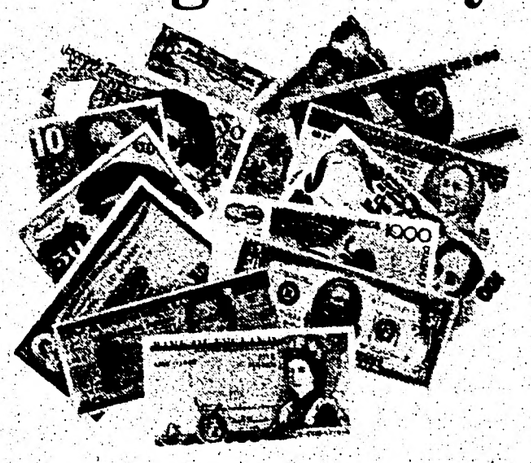

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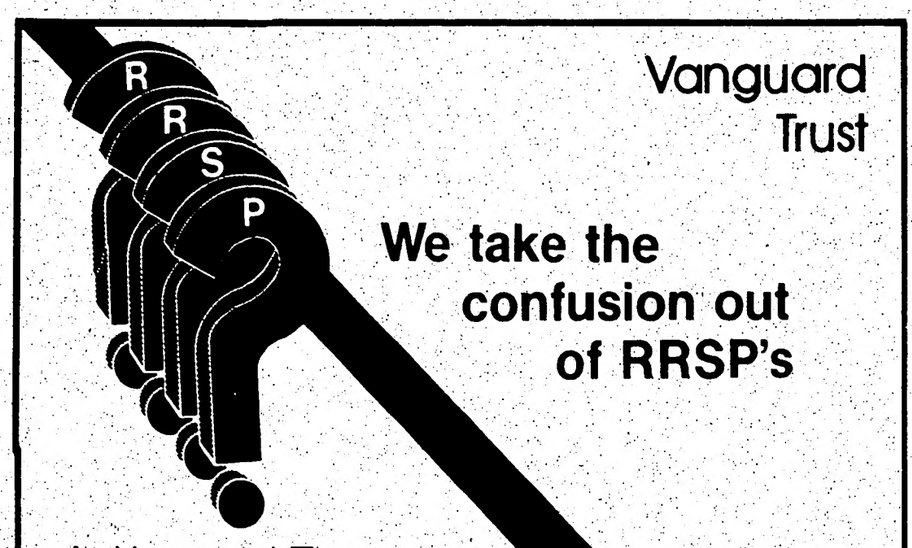

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Business Outlook

Better geriatrics support staff training

Gerstein seeks changes at college

By JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

In order to provide better care for the elderly, health care support staff should be exposed to that segment of society during their initial training, says George Brown College's newly elected chairman of the board of governors.

Marvin Gerstein told The Candian Jewish News that in keeping with his goals of upgrading the visibility and image of the community college, he would like to see more emphasis placed on training support staff in geriatrics, as there is currently "very little" training done in this area. Such training would include nurses, dental hygienists and technicians, he said.

Gerstein said that while George Brown currently has the second highest growth rate among the province's community colleges, "its image is not the same as our sister Metro colleges which have more beautiful and recognizable campuses."

Gerstein, vice-chairman of People's Jewellers Ltd., said people often think of George Brown as a trade school, but it is much more. He said it has a large English as a Second Language program and provides training in the applied arts and technology to over 10,000 students annually — 1,100 in the hospitality program alone.

To provide better facilities for this program, Gerstein said they will break ground later this year for a new $11 million campus on Adelaide and Frederick for the hospitality industry program to train executive chefs. This, he said, will be in keeping with the college's upgraded image.

As well as receiving funding for the new campus from the federal and provincial governments, Gerstein said over $1.5 million was received from the hospitality industry for the project.

Marvin Gerstein

On the topic of government funding to community colleges, Gerstein said "things aren't looking too bright" as both levels of government are focusing their retraining dollars on private industry rather then the community college system — the federal government through the Canadian Job Strategy program and the provincial through the Futures program.

"Teaching institutions are better equipped to deliver training," said Gerstein.

He said government underfunding to universities is forcing community colleges to open their doors to everyone and not just post-secondary students. While new admission guidelines will eventually have to be introduced to control the growing number of students entering the system, Gerstein said he expects these to be even broader than current standards when introduced by the provincial government sometime this year.

Gerstein said he first became involved with the downtown community college 10 years ago as an industry advisor for George Brown's Jewelry Arts program. Since then he has served as a member and vice-chairman of the 12-person board.

Gerstein, a member of Holy Blossom Temple, is currently chairman of the Frank Gerstein Charitable Foundation which annually donates $250,000 to various charitable institutions — "mainly in the Jewish community" — and is a member of the board of directors of Mount Sinai Hospital.

He is also president of the George Brown College Foundation — a private educational group established in 1984 to raise money for educational projects related to the college.

Life insurance policy importance stressed with your marriage

TORONTO —

You don't necessarily have to wait until you're getting married to purchase life insurance, however you definitely should have a policy by the time you head to the chupah.

James Fram, sales representative with Metropolitan Life Insurance, says that both partners should have an insurance policy once they get married and "definitely" by the time they have children.

It's blatantly irresponsible not to have it (once you have kids)," says Fram.

Two basic types

Fram says it is beneficial to acquire insurance at a younger age as premiums are lower due to lower risk factors.

Regardless of the type of insurance you're going after, Fram says the place to start is by sitting down with an insurance agent to discuss the family's income and expenses and the type and amount of coverage desired. Then once the contract is signed and sealed, Fram says coverage should be reviewed annually as a person's life changes.

Fram says there are two basic types of insurance: permanent and term with each company offering a number of variations on these policies.

While characteristics of permanent policies vary from company to company, there are certain common characteristics to all. For one thing, with virtually all policies, the premiums remain level — the cost does not increase as you grow older. In addition to providing protection, all permanent policies have savings built into them, that is, your policy builds cash values over the years.

Term insurance protects a person for a specified period of time and once the policy expires there is no built up savings. Premiums are lower for term than for permanent because all they purchase is protection. At the end of the term period, the policy may be renewed with a higher premium paid with each renewal as the insured grows older.

Citing an example of how permanent and term insurance premiums differ, Fram says that a 20-year-old female who does not smoke would pay an annual premium of $473 for $100,000 of coverage for permanent coverage. (Based on figures from Metropolitan Life.)

The same female seeking term insurance would pay $206 at age 20, $207 at age 25, $260 at age 40, $365 at age 45 and $465 at age 50.

Fram says that in general, permanent insurance is best for those just starting off in marriage as the couple is planning for their long-term needs.

For those who can't afford the cost of permanent coverage, Fram says, a combination of permanent and term insurance can usually be purchased.

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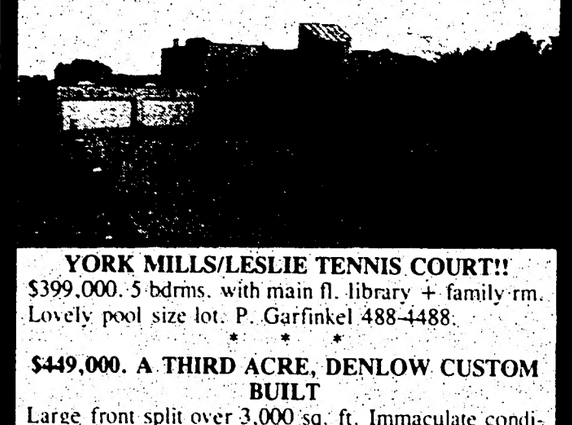

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Interfaith group promotes harmony

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

There is a need in Toronto for a Christian-Jewish dialogue that tackles specific issues such as intermarriage, says a Toronto rabbi.

That's why David Cooper, rabbi at a new, makeshift congregation in Thornhill, the Am Echad, has formed Jewish-Christian Dialog, a group that hopes to bridge the chasms separating Jews and Christians in Toronto, with emphasis on the problem of intermarriage.

Jewish-Christian Dialog had its first meeting recently and while only a handful of people showed up, Cooper and co-founder Mary Cooper (no relation), a Catholic, hope people will see the need for such an exchange.

"The group is out to promote, if nothing else, understanding," Rabbi Cooper told The CJN, and "to air problems of intermarried couples.

"We're dealing with such a high rate of intermarriage (current estimates are in the 40% range) that we have to confront it. I think the issue is not being properly addressed in the community."

What will make this new group different from other dialogue groups, such as The Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto or the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, is that Cooper will try to hold regular monthly meetings at a neutral location (the Bathurst Heights Library) and the format will take on a more informal air— a kind of rap session between Jews and Christians.

Cooper is aware of some of the problems inherent in his endeavor.

"The Orthodox say dialogue leads to intermarriage. I suspect it's polarization that creates intermarriage even more. Our community is suffering because of fear. If you don't know who's in the next tent, we can't share the same fire."

Cooper contends that so far, it's been mainly Reform Jews who have been promoting the notion of dialogue. But Cooper received an Orthodox smicha (ordination) and today, practices as a Conservative rabbi in his new shul, temporarily located in a house.

"I'm not aware of much action (in Christian-Jewish dialogue) by Conservatives. For me, this takes a lot of guts."

The problem with current dialogue groups, even those sponsored by synagogues and churches, is that they don't get down to the nitty-gritty of what comes between many Christians and Jews, Cooper says.

His group, he points out, will confront basic prejudices and stereotypes but will also explore what Christians and Jews have in common, theologically and historically. It will try to strengthen bonds between Christians and Israel.

As for intermarriage, Cooper says he would rather have a dialogue than see a child of an intermarriage grow up in an atmosphere of strife.

Group member David Hart, chairman of Holy Blossom Temple's interfaith committee and a board member of Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto, agrees.

"Children add to problems of intermarriage. I think they should be brought up in a unified home than one with two religions. That's what dialogue is about: to promote understanding over time."

Said one group member, an Orthodox Christian: "As far as I can see, Christian-Jewish dialogue is the only hope for Christianity."

The group plans to meet again March 13. For more information, call David Cooper at 731-8458 or Mary Cooper at 463-9133.

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Israelski, Abraham on 1/2/86, late of 6010 Bathurst St., #1104, Toronto.
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Hoffman, Murray on 2/2/86, late of 775 Steeles Ave. W., #1008, Willowdale.
Finer, Harry on 2/1/86, late of 757 Bessborough Dr., Oshawa.
Rubinoff, Julius on 2/2/86, late of Baycrest Centre, Tor., Ont.
Golts, Fanya on 2/2/86, late of Oakridge Villa N.H., Toronto.
Agar, Gertrude on 2/2/86, late of 330 Spadina Rd., #705, 923-3737.
Levi, Stephen on 2/3/86, late of 415 Willowdale Av., #110, Willowdale.
Urbach, Nathan on 2/4/86, late of 1027 St. Clair Ave. W., Toronto.
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Soviet Jewry said "deprived"

LONDON —

The Soviet Jewish community is a deprived minority from the point of view of the creativity and enjoyment of its national culture, a situation which constitutes a breach of the Soviet constitution and the USSR's commitments under international conventions, says a study published by the Institute of Jewish Affairs in London.

The study provides the following evidence of the Jewish minority's cultural deprivation. For a population of 2 to 2.5 million Jews (the 1979 census figure was 1,810,876 but many observers believe it to be much higher):

• There is no Jewish education, no Jewish schools and no schools in which Jewish subjects are taught. As well, there are no facilities for private teaching.

• Jewish languages have not been taught in Soviet schools since 1948, with the exception of Birobidzhan where it became an optional subject in 1980-81. Hebrew is taught only at three specialized academic institutes to which there is little opportunity for access by Jewish students. At outside schools, too, there are no Yiddish language courses. Hebrew courses are suppressed and Hebrew teachers are persecuted on trumped-up charges.

• There are only two Jewish periodicals in the entire USSR — a literary monthly in Moscow with a print run of 7,000 and a 4-page paper which appears 5 times a week in Birobidzhan. Both are in Yiddish. No Jewish periodical in the Russian language appears.

The total number of books by Yiddish authors published in 1981 was eight in Yiddish and 14 translations from Yiddish. In 1982 there were six books in Yiddish and 13 translations from Yiddish.

• Books or periodicals on Jewish subjects, even religious ones, sent or brought in by visitors from abroad, are usually confiscated.

• There is one Jewish library in the whole of the USSR — in Birobidzhan. A general library in Moscow has a Jewish section. There is only one Jewish museum, in a town in the Ukraine. There is no Jewish art centre, gallery or exhibition hall.

• Efforts for private cultural activities — seminars, language courses, private performances of plays or music — are mainly suppressed; even when tolerated, they are on a miniscule scale.

"Demanding the rectification of this situation is the legitimate right not only of Soviet citizens," concludes the study, "but also of all the parties to these (international) instruments."

Tide of divorce can be stemmed, Bulka says

Rabbi outlines ingredients of successful marriage

By
SERGE TITTLEY

TORONTO —

The key to a successful Jewish marriage is not found in trendy psychological notions, or alternatives to the traditional expectation of loyalty, but in three ingredients hallowed in Jewish tradition, an Orthodox rabbi told a Toronto audience recently.

Marital partners must be committed to making one another happy; there must be genuine friendship between partners; and the couple must have sense of shared destiny, Rabbi Reuven Bulka of Ottawa told Shaarei Shomayim's Brotherhood Club.

Partners "have the obligation to make each other happy," Bulka said. His lecture, The Future of Jewish Marriage, was part of a series of talks delivered at Shaarei Shomayim as part of the congregation's Winter Scholar in Residence Great Weekend.

"The marriage has to be a reaching out of one person to another," Bulka said, adding that tradition encourages people to find mates who are different from them. When that is the case, the rabbi suggested, it brings new qualities and attributes to the union which neither partner could sustain on his or her own.

"It's all part of the dynamic of being able to go beyond yourself," and to find that by trying to make another person happy, you find that you are rewarded with happiness.

Commitment is essential too. For some men that may mean contributing to household chores so that women are not compelled to carry the entire load, Bulka said. He also noted that having more married women in the work force should be seen as a blessing.

New opportunities for women can both enrich their own lives and allow fathers a greater measure of parental responsibility, the rabbi said.

The last element to a lasting marriage is "the sharing of a greater destiny," he said. That destiny is usually, but not necessarily, bound up in raising children for it is through them that the people, the faith, and the tradition are assured a future.

Bulka emphasized the value of a harmonious and satisfying sex life too. "The notion of going to the mikvah is part and parcel of the obligation of conjugal visitation," he said, explaining that this religious separation ritual is also meant to help married couples retain freshness and vitality in conjugal relations.

The rabbi said this cyclical pattern is "sacrosanct, and absolutely essential to a sucessful married life.

"The only way a marriage can work is if there is a total embrace" of the sensual and the spiritual, he added.

Bulka noted that he was making his remarks in the context of a new awareness of divorce within the traditional Jewish community. He said the (Orthodox) Rabbinical Council of America's own figures show that last year about 15,000 divorce cases were brought before their courts in North America.

He said large numbers of other people are also touched by divorces — an estimated 50 persons may endure the "ripple effects" of each marriage breakup.

But Bulka suggested the tide can be stemmed, saying: "If we apply ourselves to the basic values inherent in the Jewish marriage, then we can turn things around."

He said Jews have the capacity to re-introduce into their marital relationships the values and strengths which have always characterized the Jewish marriage.

Student leaders meet, discuss programs, ideas

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

About 30 Jewish student leaders gathered at the Beth Jacob Synagogue in Kitchener recently to discuss and plan programs aimed at Jewish students in universities outside major centres.

The 3-day Council of University Presidents (CUP) was the second of the biannual meetings held this academic year, and was geared to strengthen the participants' Jewish identities and leadership skills, said Susan Jackson, the director of community services and youth activities of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region.

The young leaders are expected to return to their schools and implement programs with Jewish themes for the students at universities in outlying areas, Jackson told The CJN.

Participating leaders, who included presidents and vice-presidents of local Jewish students associations, came from Ottawa, Waterloo, Peterborough's Trent University, London and Hamilton's McMaster University.

The meeting was the first attended by a representative of Trent's tiny (about 22) Jewish student population, Jackson noted, adding that an inter-campus program has already been developed and scheduled for late February.

Jackson said about 15 Jewish students from Trent will travel to Kingston to share a weekend program with Queen's University's Jewish students. They will hear speakers discuss cults, missionaries and modern Zionism, and enjoy Israeli folksongs and dances, she added.

Planning and coordination for that type of program is enhanced by the information-sharing of the CUP conference, Jackson stated.

Leadership development programs have been held biannually for about 10 years, she added.

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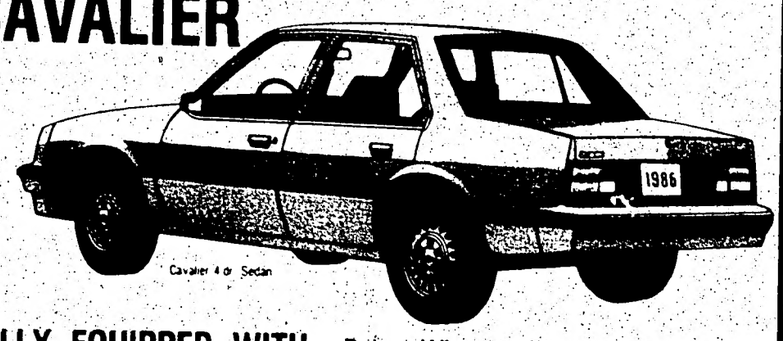

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